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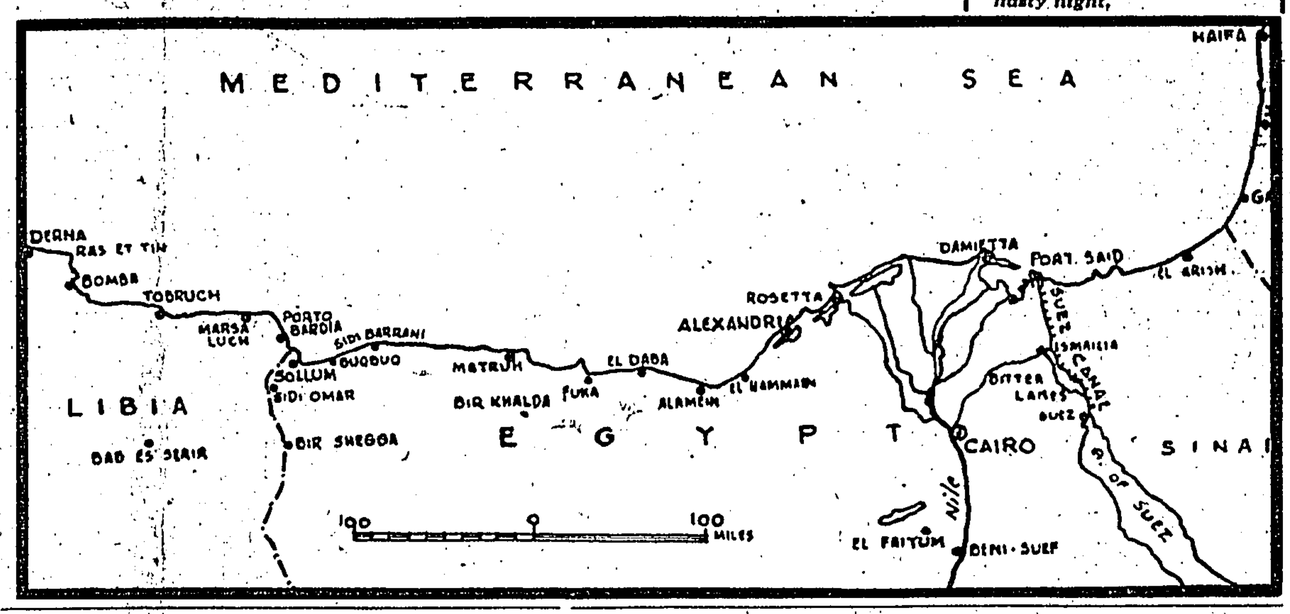
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ITALIANS DISINTEGRATED BY SLEDGEHAMMER ATTACKS

WESTERN DESERT OFFENSIVE

The map below, specially drawn for the "Telegraph", indicates where the present successful British offensive in the Western Desert is operating. The British forces are now driving on towards the Libyan frontier where the Italians are in hasty flight.



British Troops Capture Two More Generals

"Reuter" With Army Of The Nile

CAIRO, DEC. 13.—BRITISH AND IMPERIAL TROOPS CONTINUED THEIR OFFENSIVE WITH SLEDGEHAMMER VIOLENCE THROUGHOUT THURSDAY NIGHT AND LATEST REPORTS INDICATE THAT OPERATIONS ARE PROCEEDING VERY SATISFACTORILY.

ITALIAN DIVISIONS WHICH HAVE SO FAR EVADED CAPTURE AND ARE NOW BEING DRIVEN TOWARDS LIBYA, ARE IN A VERY DIFFICULT POSITION, THEIR BACKWARD FLIGHT BEING HAMPERED BY THE BOTTLENECK NATURE OF THE TERRAIN.

Huge Supplies Captured

CAIRO, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The number of Italian prisoners taken has been increased by several thousands. They include two further Generals commanding Divisions.

"Reuter's" correspondent in the Western Desert reports that all supplies of food and oil which the Italians had accumulated for the invasion of Egypt have been captured. They will prove most useful to the advancing British forces.

In less than a week the British forces have chased five Italian Divisions out of strongly fortified positions.

Hurricane pilots report they had seen large fires raging in Sollum, and a long column of motorised vehicles hurrying back through Libya towards Tobruk.

These pilots, it is now revealed, carried out 67 attacks behind the Italian lines in their eight-gun fighter aircraft in the first three days of the attack.

Advance headquarters of the Italian 10th Army has been moving out of Bardia in the direction of Tobruk.

Most of the Italian prisoners captured appear numbed and bewildered. The majority are completely ignorant of the course of events in Greece.

Carefully Planned

By "Reuter's" Special Correspondent With the Army of the Nile in The Western Desert.

WESTERN DESERT, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—"God has been with us throughout this action." It was a tough Air Force Commodore, who in the last war shot down over 60 Germans who uttered this remark to me to-day.

The battle was most carefully planned by all three Services, and everything has gone just right throughout. The whole of the Italian supplies of food and oil prepared for the invasion of Egypt have been captured and will prove useful to our advancing forces.

Meanwhile, the extent of the Italian casualties and the amount of material captured cannot be assessed for several days yet. I have spent two days chasing across the desert in trucks without seeing more Italian air activity than a stick of bombs dropping on an empty space from the only Italian plane we sighted. Yet through this period, day and night, the sky has echoed with the throb-

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British Submarine Torpedoes Nazi Ships

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 13 (UP).—The Admiralty has announced that the British submarine Sunfish torpedoed and sank a German supply ship of about 4,000 tons close to the Norwegian coast. The submarine also hit and damaged an oil tanker of about 4,000 tons.

Cruiser Lost

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The armed merchant cruiser Forfar has been torpedoed and subsequently sank, states the Admiralty.

The next of kin of casualties have been informed.

Norwegian Mined

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The Norwegian liner "Oslofjord," 18,000 tons, struck a mine and sank two days ago off Newcastle, England, it is reported in authoritative shipping circles to-day.

Enterprise's Call

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The British cruiser Enterprise arrived here to-day and is expected to remain about 48 hours.

British Steamers Hit

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (UP).—The Mackay Radio reports that the British steamer Orari was torpedoed at 1.56 p.m. E.S.T. in Lat. 49.50 North, Long. 20.55 east. The 600-ton liner Oslo Fjord was "sunk by enemy action" in the north Atlantic, reports the radio.

Mr Eric Macdonald Bryden has resumed his appointment as a member of the Board of War Taxation, states an announcement in the "Gazette" this morning.

TANGIER COUP

Spain Sacks Entire Foreign Staff

TANGIER, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The Spanish authorities dissolved the international administration here at a moment's notice to-day.

All British, French and Italian employees were dismissed with immediate effect, including the British Finance Minister and his treasurer.

The International Police were also dissolved and were replaced by a Spanish "Security Guard."

The Spanish Administrator, Snr Amista, was dismissed and, was replaced by a military official.

Protest Lodged

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—A vigorous protest has been made to the Spanish authorities at Tangier, "Reuter" learns, by the British Consul General there against the dismissal of British employees who include one British judge.

THE R.A.F. TAKES VIOLENT ACTION

CAIRO, Dec. 13 (UP).—The R.A.F. dropped tons of bombs on the harbour of Tobruk last night. The announcement said: "The attack was particularly heavy and fires were observed burning fiercely in many places, while there were violent explosions and fires near the petrol dump in El Sollum bay. All the heavy explosions were in the vicinity of the ammunition stores."

The announcement added that attacks were made on enemy aerodromes, troops motor transport and concentrations in Libya throughout the night and on Thursday. Heavy raids were also made on Bardia and "bombs caused violent explosions which resulted in flames rising 1,000 feet." Enemy aircraft on the ground was machine-gunned and three were destroyed.

ITALIANS SHELLED

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The British naval bombardment of Italian forces in the Western Desert has been "fierce indeed," "Reuter" was informed by London naval circles, yet ships carrying out this intensive bombardment have sustained no casualties.

In addition to playing an important part in assisting the army and the Royal Air Force, the Royal Navy is also keeping a ceaseless watch on Italian sea communications and it is becoming increasingly difficult for Italy to get convoys of supplies across to Libya.

Abandonment of Safafi

WESTERN DESERT, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—It was nearly Wednesday when the Italians holding Safafi decided to abandon it, and huge streams of hundreds of motor vehicles and thousands of men moved rapidly towards the rear. These troops included part of the 63rd Muropolitan Division and some Blackshirts. They were in hasty retreat towards Sollum throughout Wednesday and were continually harassed by British bombers and fighters.

One South African pilot told "Reuter": "I saw men throwing themselves on the ground while bombs burst among them."

The capture of Sidi Barrani was a minor epic in itself. The first stage was the capture of Maktila, 12 miles eastward along the coast, after a naval bombardment which put to flight the majority of the Libyan troops there, leaving only the Italian garrison and some Italian officers.

Part of this fleeing force was intercepted by the British and wiped out. The remainder reached Sidi Barrani, supplementing the crack Blackshirt Division which was holding the town behind an elaborate defence system which the Italians had been preparing for months.

Hail of Fire

While the Fleet and Air Force subjected Sidi Barrani to a hail of fire, the Army attacked from three directions—from east, from south-east and from south. To the west another British force reached the coast ten miles away near Bug-Bug and cut off the retreat of the Italians along the coast.

While a biting wind from the west blew a pitiless hail of sand into faces, our infantry attack was pressed home against heavy fire, and Sidi Barrani was completely mopped up by noon on Wednesday.

Last to fall were some enemy strong points around the town.

The operation was not without its humour. In one place, which had

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DEFEATISTS IN ITALY

Zurich, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—A call for action against "defeatists" is made by Signor Farinacci, member of the Fascist Party, according to the "Neue Zuricher Zeitung's" Milan correspondent.

This call for action is made in the "Regime Fascist" and Farinacci urges the authorities to ensure the proper distribution of food in order to prevent people standing in queues before shops and he declares, "Hoarders and speculators who sell goods for three and four times the normal prices should be treated like criminals."

Finally Farinacci complains that Party officials, instead of reminding the people of their patriotic duty, do nothing through fear of losing their

HONGKONG HOLIDAYS

Empire Day To Be Working Day

A bill has been drafted to amend the Holidays Ordinance states the Government Gazette issued to-day.

The object of the bill is to preserve Empire Day as a holiday for Government schools, military schools and registered schools; but to restore it, unless it falls on a Sunday, as a working day for other educational establishments, public offices and Government departments.

Hitherto, it is pointed out Empire Day has been a statutory holiday to be observed by educational establishments, public offices and Government Departments. It is not, however, a bank holiday and as business houses usually follow the lead of the banks, it is in effect a holiday for public ser-

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Italians May Request Greeks For Armistice

Special to the "Telegraph"

ATHENS, Dec. 13 (UP).—The Italian Command at Tirana is at variance over the question of whether they should gain time through asking for an armistice or, as an alternative, whether they should withdraw further into Albania, according to a captured Italian commander interviewed by "United Press" here to-day.

The officer said the majority of the command favour a withdrawal in the hope that the lengthening Greek lines and the increasingly bad weather will halt the Greek advance.

More Greek Victories

ATHENS, Dec. 13 (UP).—General Greek victories are reported from the whole front. In the Pogradetz

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SHEFFIELD SUFFERS

Heavy Raid Damage

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 13 (UP).—Large scale destruction was caused in Sheffield last night which greeted Sheffielders when they emerged from the bomb shelters after several hours internment.

Cinemas, stores and shops were destroyed while wrecked and damaged street cars and the debris from demolished buildings blocked some of the streets. It was necessary to evacuate many buildings and a considerable number of bodies are still under the wreckage.

London's All-Clear

LONDON, Dec. 13 (UP).—At 9 p.m. the all clear signal was given in the London area after a brief alarm which was without incident.

The Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security issued a communique saying that no bombs were dropped anywhere in Britain during daylight to-day.

LATEST

Mr Eden May Be New Ambassador

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Domei).—Mr Anthony Eden, Secretary for War, is mentioned as the most likely successor to the late Lord Lothian as British Ambassador to Washington.

Others mentioned are Viscount Cranborne, Dominions Secretary, Sir Robert Vansittart, Foreign Office Adviser, and Admiral Alfred Chatfield. Mr Eden is popular in America because of his anti-appeasement stand. Quick appointment is expected in view of the importance of the position.

The King Is 45 To-day

HERE IS HIS BIRTHDAY HOROSCOPE:

King George the Sixth was born at five past three in the morning on December 14, 1895. Libra was rising in his birth chart, giving him an even temperament, a strong sense of justice, and a well-balanced mind.

At his birth Jupiter, his ruling planet, was on the meridian, a very fortunate augury for people born at that time.



Sagittarians (and the King appears to be a typical subject) are independent people, instinctively on the side of the down-trodden and oppressed, and they can be very outspoken too when their feelings are aroused.

The sun and Mercury in the King's sign bestow a democratic and philanthropic outlook.

Two Ships Saved By Seamen's Gallantry

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Carrying thousands of tons of oil a British tanker in convoy was bombed and set on fire by what is thought to have been a friendly plane.

There was a terrific explosion, two men were killed and a large fierce fire was soon raging on the starboard side.

While the entire crew fought the flames, ammunition caught fire and the Captain ordered all ammunition to be dumped overboard. Able Seaman W. J. Dryden, volunteered to enter the magazine which he flooded and subsequently emptied of its dangerous contents. The tanker's crew subsequently overcame the fire and eventually brought her safely to port.

In another ship hit by two bombs, Assistant Steward Frederick Trundley stood on a wooden locker directing a hose while fires raged within a few yards, threatening to blow out the ship's side. The fires were eventually extinguished and a very valuable ship and cargo were brought safely to port.

These are some of the acts of heroism at sea by officers and men of the merchant marine service for which awards for gallantry are announced in the London "Gazette" to-night.

Trundley has been awarded the George Medal.

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CHURCH NOTICES

CHRIST CHURCH
(KOWLOON TONG)

Sunday School Party This Afternoon

Saturday, Dec. 14.—Sunday School Party 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Vicarage and church grounds.

Sunday, Dec. 15, 3rd Sunday in Advent, Ember Week.

Services in English.—7.15 a.m. Holy Communion; 9 a.m. Sunday School at 3 Duke St; 9.45 a.m. Choral Eucharist & Sermon, Preacher: The Vicar. Hymns: 11. The Advent of our God; 107. Pour out thy spirit from on high; O Come O come, Emmanuel; 504 Thy kindgdom come! 6.30 p.m. Evensong.

Services in Mandarin.—8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Morning Prayer. Preachgr: Mr. Chow Chen-kwong.

Week-day Services and Notices

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Dec. 16, 18, 20.—Rehearsals for Nativity play at 6 p.m. in the Church. All members of the cast are requested to attend.

Thursday, Dec. 19.—7.15 a.m. Holy Communion at 7.15 a.m. Choir practice at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 21.—S. Thomas' Day. Holy Communion at 7.15 a.m.

PEAK CHURCH
(CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICE)

8 a.m. Holy Communion.

EMMANUEL CHURCH
(218, NATHAN ROAD)

Sunday.—11 a.m. Morning Service. Preacher: Major W. Darby of the Salvation Army; 3 p.m. Sunday School; 3 p.m. Young Men's Bible Class. Leader: Mr Ancil Nance; 7.30 p.m. Song Service followed by Gospel Message. Speaker: Mrs Ancil Nance.

Monday.—7.30 p.m. S. A.C.A. Leader: Mr J. F. Fisher.

Tuesday.—10.30 a.m. Women's Bible Class, 9 Hill Wood Road, 1st Floor. Leader: Mrs Lechmere Clift; 4.30 p.m. Story Hour for boys and girls at 9, Hill Wood Road, first floor; 7.30 p.m. Y. P. C. Business Meeting.

Wednesday.—2.30 p.m. Women's Sewing Club at 792, Nathan Road; 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting. Leader: Rev. J. R. Spence. Subject: "Wrestling in Prayer."

Monday and Friday Bible Study Classes as usual.

METHODIST CHURCH
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House Committee to Meet On Wednesday

Services on Sunday December 15

Preachers.—Morning, Rev. E. Moreton; Evening, Rev. W. H. Alton.

Morning Parade Service at 10.15 a.m.—Hymn No. 85, Prayer, Hymn No. 122, First Lesson, Hymn No. 811, Second Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Offertory, Hymn No. 294, Sermon, Hymn No. 130, Benediction.

Evening Service at 7 p.m.—Hymn No. 257, Prayer, Hymn No. 122, Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Offertory, Hymn No. 259, Sermon, Hymn No. 256, Benediction.

Notices for the Week

1. Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held at the S. & S. Home at 8.15 p.m. All Servicemen and civilians will be warmly welcomed.

2. A meeting for Prayer and Fellowship will be held at the S. & S. Home on Tuesday at 8.30 p.m.

3. Monday and Thursday at the S. & S. Home—Badminton Club.

4. Wednesday at 5.30 p.m. House Committee at the S. & S. Home.

UNION CHURCH
(KENNEDY ROAD)

Sunday, December 15.—Morning Worship 10.30 a.m.; Evening Worship 6 p.m. Preacher at both services: The Rev. Frank Short.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
(31, MACDONNELL ROAD)

Service on Sunday, December 15.

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches to-morrow will be "God the Preserver of Man."

The Golden Text will be: "The Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding....He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints." (Proverbs 2: 6, 8).

Among others the following citations will be read from the Bible: "And Jacob was left alone: and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God, and with men, and hast prevailed. And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved." (Genesis 32: 24, 27, 30).

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Jacob was alone, wrestling with error—struggling with a mortal sense of life, substance and intelligence as existent in matter with its false pleasures and pains—when an angel, a messenger from Truth and Love, appeared to him and smote the sinew, or strength of his error, till he saw its unreality; and Truth, being thereby understood, gave him spiritual strength in this Peniel of divine Science." ("Science and Health" Page 309).

Announcement

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong (a Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.) No. 31, Macdonnell Road, close to Peak Tram Station. Sunday Service 11.15 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday, 8 p.m. A Reading Room is located in the Church building and is open on Monday, Thursday and Saturday mornings from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and on Tuesday and Friday evening from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. All authorized Christian Science literature is available at the Reading Room. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

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We hereby give notice that Ah Hock otherwise known as Wu Chouck Ting one time Wardroom Messman of H.M.S. "Tamar" having resigned, the Wardroom Mess cannot hold themselves responsible for any debts contracted by him heretofore or subsequent to 15th. December, 1940.

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Platonic Pact In Balkans

Adroit Yugo-Slavia

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The pact of friendship and non-aggression concluded between Hungary and Yugo-Slavia follows along expected lines. It is one of those documents of pious hopes and platonic asservations which, in the pigeon holes of the League of Nations, are legion.

Even German propaganda seems to realise its complete innocuity and suggests that the Yugo-Slavian foreign minister will shortly visit Budapest when an aggreement of a more practical character will be reached.

It is significant that most of the comments from abroad stress the fact that Hungary is seeking support in resisting Axis pressure rather than that Yugo-Slavia is being drawn closer to the Axis.

So far, indeed, Yugo-Slavia appears to have played her hand very adroitly.

U.P. Manager To Leave Hongkong

The Colony's journalistic profession is to lose a prominent member.

Mr Harold Guard, for six years manager of the Hongkong bureau of "United Press" is leaving for Singapore to-morrow where he is to continue his association with the well-known American news agency.

Mr Guard was farewelled by colleagues last night when tributes were paid to his successful work in Hongkong.

U.K. Meat Ration

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 13 (UP).—Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, said at Portsmouth to-day that there would be a reduction, "fairly soon" in meat rations as shortages attributed to transport troubles have been reported in some London districts.

The difficulty, he added would be solved within a few days.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 16th day of December, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the purchase price.

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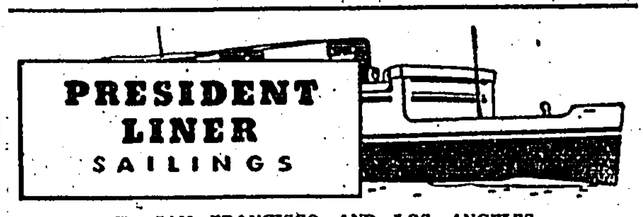
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1.03 Some Welsh Songs.
1.15 The Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.
1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 Dance Music by Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.
2.15 Close Down.
6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 Beethoven—Symphony No. 1 in C Major, Op. 21.
7.00 London Relay—'The News.
7.15 London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.
7.30 Dennis Noble (Baritone) and the New Light Symphony Orchestra.
8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 London Relay—'Music Hall'.
9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
9.30 Local Sport Results.
9.33 Request Variety Programme.

Slow Fox-Trot—South of the Border....Henry Hall and His Orchestra; Vocal—My Heart Will Be Dancing (film 'The Lilac Domino').....June Knight (Soprano); Fox-Trot—With the Wind and the Rain in your Hair..Billy Cotton and His Band; Vocal—F. D. R. Jone (Rome).....Arthur Askey with Jack Hylton and Some of His Boys; Rumba—Mario La O....Lecuona Cuban Boys; Vocal—Senorita (film 'The Girl of the Golden West').....Nelson Eddy (Bpritone) with Orchestra; Slow Fox-Trot—The Japanese Sandman....Joe Daniels and His Hot Shots in "Drumnasticks"; Vocal—Elsie Carlisle Medley, Intro: Gertie, the girl with the gong; Home, James and don't spare the horses; No, No, a thousand times no....Elsie Carlisle; Slow Fox-Trot—They Say...Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans; Vocal and Piano—Over the Rainbow (film 'Wizard of Oz').....Leslie Hutchinson; Novelty Fox-Trot—The Fairy on the Christmas Tree.....The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra; Vocal—Dancing with My Darling (from 'Continental Varieties').....Lucienne Boyer; Vocal—September in the Rain (film 'Melody for Two').....James Melton with Orchestra; Waltz—Sympathy....Casani Club Orchestra; Vocal—Alice Blue Gown (McCarthy, Tierney)....Jessica Dragonette (Soprano) with Orchestra; Vocal Duet—Farewell to Dreams (Kahn-Romberg).....Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy with Orchestra; Fox-Trot—Too Romantic (film 'The Road to Singapore').....Glenn Miller and His Orchestra; Vocal Duet—Will You Remember? (film 'Maytime').....Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy with Orchestra; Vocal—Wee Willie Winkie (Roberton).....Boyd Steven (Soprano) with Piano; Fox-Trot—Faithful Forever (film 'Gilliver's Travels').....Jack Hylton and His Orchestra; Vocal—Our Song (film 'When You're in Love').....Grace Moore with Orchestra; Vocal and Piano—I Once Had a Heart Marguerita....Turner Layton with Piano; Swing Fox-Trot—Playmates....Arthur Young and Hutchett's Swintette featuring Stephane Grappelly and Beryl Davis, Vocal—Sweet Potato Piper (film 'The Road to Singapore').....Dorothy Lamour with Orchestra; Slow Fox-Trot—My Heart Belongs to Daddy....Jack Hylton and His Orchestra; Vocal Duet—An Apple for the Teacher (film 'The Star Maker').....Bing Crosby and Connie Boswell; Polka—Beer Barrel Polka....Harry Roy and His Orchestra.

11.00 London Relay—Talk: 'In My Opinion'.
11.15 Dance Music.
12.00 midnight. Close Down.

To-morrow's Programme

Singing Canaries From The Studio

11.00 a.m. Relay of Morning Service from St Andrew's Church.
12.14 Schubert—Quartet No. 14 in D Minor ("Death and the Maiden"). Roth String Quartet.
12.52 Schubert Songs.
1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 Marek Weber and His Orchestra.
Fantasie—From Offenbach's Sample Box (Urbach).
1.12 Studio—Singing Canaries.
A feature programme with live canaries.
1.22 Two Songs by Gladys Swarthout (Mezzo-Soprano).
1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 Compositions of Dvorak.
2.30 Close Down.
7.00 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.
7.30, Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance."
8.00—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 Light Orchestral Programme with Jeanette MacDonald (Soprano) and Nelson Eddy (Baritone).
8.45 Studio—Book Reviews.
9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
9.30 Brahms—Sonata in F Major, Op. 99; Pau Casals ('Cello) and Mieczyslaw Horszowski (Piano).
10.03 Handel—Organ Concerto in B Flat.
10.15 Studio—Sunday Evening Epilogue.
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Mamora Sea Tragedy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

ISTANBUL, Dec. 13 (UP).—Two hundred Jews, including children, of a total of 380 en route to Palestine from Bulgaria aboard ships flying the Uruguayan flag, are reported to have been drowned yesterday when one ship foundered in the Sea of Mamora and was dashed to pieces off Silviri.

It is reported that two lifeboats sank while the ship was breaking up.

Defence Assignments

The following have been enrolled in the Key-Posts Group of the Hongkong Defence Reserve:

Messrs V. H. Freeman, F. E. Lawrence, P. B. Allam, R. Dormer, G. F. Jeavons, E. L. Powell and M. Scott.

Mr H. Barrett has been re-assigned from the Essential Services Group to the Key-Posts Group, while the following have been permitted to quit:

Mr F. F. Fleth, with effect from December 9; and Mr J. W. Alabaster and Mr W. R. Mansfield, with effect from December 11.

Mr C. A. Owen has been appointed Acting Sub-Lieutenant of the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force, with effect from November 25.

Appointments Notified

The following appointments by His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton, were announced in the Government "Gazette" this morning:

Mr R. D. Gillespie to be a Member of the Volunteer Advisory Committee in place of Mr H. V. Wilkinson, D.S.O., with effect from December 4;

Mr Leonard John Davies to be a Member of the Committee to administer the Mercantile Marine Assistance Fund of Hongkong, vice Mr H. V. Wilkinson, D.S.O., with effect from December 9;

Miss Edna S. Atkins to be a Member of the Board of Education for a further period of two years, with effect from December 16.

Charity Softball Game On Boxing Day

CHRISTMAS SOFTBALL will feature a double header for Charity on the Kowloon Football Club ground on Boxing Day, when at 10.30 a.m. the over-40 members of the Club will meet the under-30's, and for the night-cap the Kowloon Police tangle with an all-Hongkong women's team.

—Proceeds are for the "S. C. M. Post" and "H.K. Telegraph" Bomber Fund.

The Hon. Commissioner of Police, Mr C. G. Perdue, and Major C. M. Manners, President of the Kowloon F. C. and Chairman of the Hongkong War Effort Committee, will be the patrons.

Admission is 50 cents.

Bomber Fund Up

A total of $1,491,045.53 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

Sundry Foreign Coins per Hongkong War Effort Committee ..	$ 3.05
Prison Officers' Club (monthly)	50
"With Christmas Greetings to the R.A.F. Bomber Command"	20
A.R.P. Warden No. 1843	4
Mr L. H. G. Humfrey (2nd donation)	100
Mr Alfred Morris (4th donation)	50
Kowloon Bowling Green Club (4th monthly)	182
Mr and Mrs J. F. Robinson (2nd donation)	20
Roy, Carrick, Bannock and Young Albyn	1,000

Duke Of Windsor To Meet Roosevelt

MIAMI, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The Duke of Windsor's destination is believed here to be Nassau Harbour, to confer with President Roosevelt on general matters.

He is expected to return to Miami late to-day.

Return To Miami

MIAMI, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The Duke of Windsor returned here this evening after his flight to the Caribbean Sea. The Duke talked with President Roosevelt for an hour and a half about all the proposed defence bases in the West Indies.

Mexican Consul

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, Lieut-General E. F. Norton, has been pleased to recognise and pending instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Frederico A. Xavier as Hon. Consul for Mexico at Hongkong.

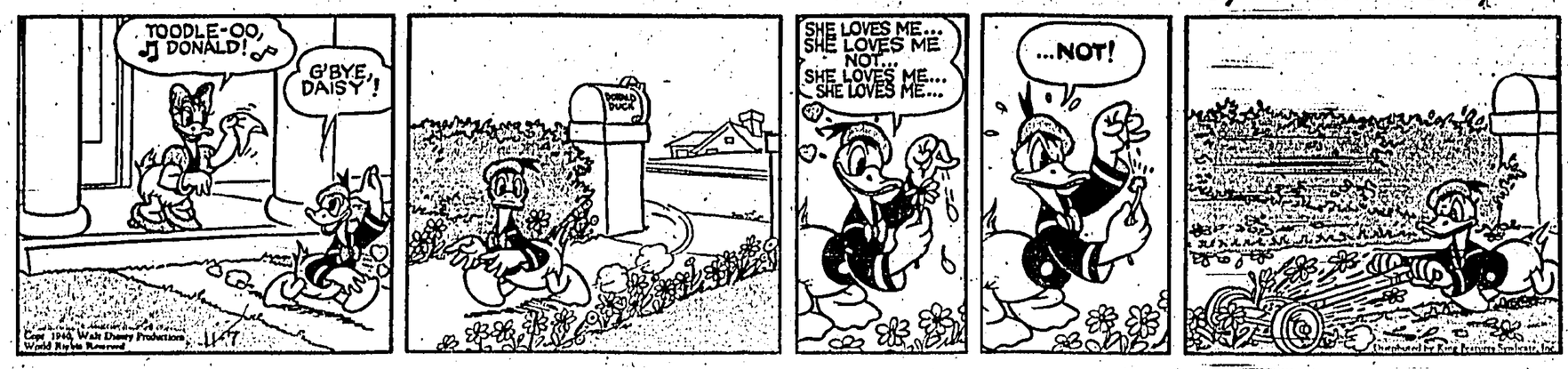
Information Head Resigns

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The resignation of Mr Frank Pick, former head of London's passenger transport, from the post of Director-General of the Ministry of Information is in the nature of a bombshell as it is only four months ago that Mr. Pick was appointed.

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"TELEGRAPH" SATURDAY FEATURE

CURRENT COMMENT

By "Scrutineer"

The refusal of the German Government to recognise the puppet regime in Nanking has been attributed to the fact that Japan is not fulfilling her obligations as a member of the Axis.

Germany is an exacting task master. She demands all assistance but gives none. She leaves her ally Italy to face defeat and does not stir a finger to rescue. She can do nothing for Japan if the latter gets into a similar mess but, nevertheless, she urges her on.

It may be, however, that there is a powerful pro-China group in Berlin. General von Falkenhausen, for example, was given high office there after his return from China, where he headed the military mission that fashioned the Generalissimo's army.

Germany also wishes to remain friendly with Free China, because she knows China will ultimately triumph and be a good market for German goods, and again she dare not antagonise Russia who is supplying her with certain vital materials.

Japan, instead of obeying Berlin's order to make terms with Moscow, has gone out of her way in her recent sham peace treaty with Wang Ching-wei to offend her. In other words, Germany's interests in regard to both these countries are opposed to Japan's, and, as Hitler regards allies merely as useful instruments to advance his policy, he cannot do anything in this matter, not even give face to Japan. Japan, Manchukuo and Nanking have recognised the new order in Asia and that balances Germany, Italy, Hungary and Rumania, who recognise the new order in Europe. Italy is tottering, Hungary and Rumania have never got beyond crawling, while Manchukuo and Nanking are so feeble that Japan has to guide their hands while they write their signatures.

FAILURE OF ITALY

The dismissal or resignation of General Badoglio indicates that things have gone badly, and that a change in command is desirable. It is not unusual for this to happen in wartime. The failure may be due to bad strategy and in that case a change in the high command may produce a difference, but if it is due to the conquest of Greece being beyond the power of the Italian forces to accomplish, then Badoglio's successor will not be any more useful than he was.

The only difference is that the new man has the nerve to take charge of a campaign which Badoglio and Soddu knew was doomed to failure.

THE NEAR EAST SITUATION

Just as Hitler is striking as hard as possible from the air and with his U-boats at Britain in order to assist his ally Italy, so Britain in addition to retaliation on German centres of production, is now paying attention to Graziani's army in order to assist her ally Greece. The period of inaction in the Near East as far as land operations are concerned must have been entirely to the advantage of Great Britain, especially during the six weeks. The British forces have been very much strengthened, the Fleet has control of the Eastern Mediterranean, and the bombing of Italy's supply bases by the R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm has been far more damaging to them than their attacks have been to us for the simple reason that they cannot easily replenish their oil stores now that they are cut off from Italy. In any case, the need at the moment is greatest in Greece, and Italy cannot afford to divert supplies even if she could send them to Libya.

MENTALITY OF NAZIS

As an illustration of German mentality, Lady Shenton Thomas recently gave an account of an incident which happened in Kent, where she was staying. A German bomber was brought down and the pilot, who was safe, got out and attempted to set fire to his machine, but was prevented from doing so. When the plane was entered, it was found to contain two wounded Germans who would have been burned to death had the pilot succeeded in doing what apparently from the German point of view was his duty.

In Holland there is, as in all the territories occupied by German troops, a great deal of sabotage and ill-feeling, which is goading the Germans into even more extreme forms of punishment.

Buzlau, a Dutch humorist was recently sent to a concentration camp for one of his jokes. His wife, he said, received a parcel which, when opened, was found to contain portraits of the triumvirate Hitler, Goering and Goebbels. They were presents from the Nazi party leader. When his wife asked him if she should hang them, he said "No, put them against the wall."

THE MARK AS WALL-PAPER

There is a French proverb which say *Qui S'excuse S'accuse*, and one is reminded of it when reading Hitler's speech. He says he has no inferiority complex in the presence of the English. It is, of course, an elementary psychological fact that those things which rankle deeply and are hurting the individual very much are the more hotly denied.

Hitler's statement about the stability of the mark is amusing to anyone with an elementary knowledge of economics. Even before the war started the mark could be bought on the ship going to Flushing at 19 to the £1; in London the German gave the foreign traveller 22 to the pound and in Germany itself, where full control was exercised, you could only get 12 to the pound. For trading purposes, there was a variety of values; the only value that did not exist was a uniform one.

Now that the war has started, the mark in relation to gold has no value at all. It is merely a token of exchange within those countries where German guns can compel its acceptance, and it simply means that so many bottles of aspirin can be got from Germany in exchange for, say, so much Dutch butter. This operation, as we say, would not be possible if the Dutch were free, since the latter cannot get what they want from Germany, France, Holland, Belgium, Norway and Denmark, which say they have more aspirin than they can deal with, have the alternative of piling up mark credits in Berlin, which are blocked because the owners cannot get the goods in Germany they want, and will not have those goods such as drugs, cameras, opera glasses, which they can buy. In due course, inflation will come along and the mark will go the way of its predecessor and be used for papering walls.

LEBENSRAUM

The chief threat in the speech was in the statement that the German soldier would not be dislodged from the occupied territories. Does this mean that Hitler seriously contemplates a Europe permanently dominated by Nazi force! Does Lebensraum—it used to be a place in the sun—mean that every country in Europe is to be a German colony for ever? That in fact is what is meant, and that is why it is necessary that Britain's forces must invade the continent. Otherwise these states will never be free. This is a war of attrition for Hitler in more senses than one. The Fifth Columns are now revealed for what they really are, and as traitors cannot win loyalty from those who love their country, the fear in the occupied countries has given place to hope which will inspire courage. Hitler even now is faced with the impossible task of governing nations which refuse to be governed by him.

LUFTWAFFE

There may be nothing in a name, but one cannot help thinking that the spirit, efficiency and courage of our pilots is symbolised in the resonant words 'Royal Air Force,' and its alertness, speed and dexterity are adequately expressed in the abbreviation 'RAF'.

But what sort of values are indicated by the unpronounceable word Luftwaffe? It does not trip off the tongue. One has to pause to get it right. There is neither grace nor speed about it, it does not suggest direct attack or getting right on the target. It is a hazy colourless word, one that suggests the clouds and darkness rather than the clear light of day.

GODS OF CHINA



DO JAI

A famous and learned monk of the Sung Dynasty. He was the son of a rich gentleman, and when eighteen years' old went to the West Lake, Hangchow, to become a monk, but he remained closely in touch with other men and refused to give up wine and meat.

He is sometimes considered a form of Chinese Robin Hood, who robbed the rich to help the poor, and is reputed also to have had the power of turning common things into precious metals and so helping again to relieve distress.

Sometimes called Jai Deen, the Mad Jai. His body is believed to be buried in a pagoda at Hangchow.

Walter C. Clark.

"TELEGRAPH" SATURDAY FEATURE

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

By John Blunt

Two weeks ago, I dwelt briefly on the potentialities of Anglo-American concord. The subject is not only intriguing, but of profound importance. Let us take the unparalleled state of affairs in the world to-day.

Great Britain stands alone in the physical sense, the last remaining bulwark against oppression of the subject. Her own varying schools of political thought have forgotten their respective differences and merged into one coherent whole in defence of democratic principles. Conservative, Liberal, National, Labour and Independent adherents have forsaken their own individual creeds, and amalgamated into one body; one united party with but one purpose, determined, no matter what the cost, in preserving the heritage of freedom which is common to all, irrespective of political leanings.

It is this Freedom which has caused the United States to signify to the world in general that she, too, stands or falls in the grim fight which is now being waged against democracy.

President Roosevelt and his advisers have the advantage of being able to survey the great European tragedy from afar. They see before them the vista of a crumbling civilisation, brought about by the godlessness and infamy of Germany. They, not unnaturally, view the scene with apprehension, knowing full well that if the Nazi doctrine conquered Europe, it would in time spread like a noxious weed throughout the world—and freedom would be a blessing of the past.

Is it not sensible, therefore, to think of the responsibility which rests with Anglo-American cohesion? At the moment, co-operation is merely the natural "urge"—as our American friends say—in the joint realisation of the danger which threatens us. It is in moments of danger that men forget each other's foibles, and stand together against impending calamities. Never was more true the adage—"United we stand, Divided we fall."

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It must be remembered that many nations who, previously, were as jealous of their freedom as we are, have been torn asunder, and bludgeoned into submission by the overwhelmingly brutal tactics of the Germans. It is of little use to blame them for their plight, for they hoped that by announcing their neutrality, they would be spared the onslaught of the mighty and inhuman oppressor. It is true, that a little more courage, a little more appreciation of the situation, would have told them that Great Britain would resist oppression to the last man and the last penny, and that because—of this sure knowledge, every smaller nation should openly have joined the great issue between democracy and totalitarianism.

Their fate has been sealed for the time being, and they now look towards Great Britain, backed by America, to restore their independence and to oust the invading oppressor from their countries.

Anglo-American co-operation assures the righting of the tragic wrongs of to-day, for the collective resources of the two are too tremendous to fail, but it will be nothing short of tragedy if the cohesion between the two great English-speaking races is not established upon a sure foundation which will ensure permanence. The world is sadly in need of justice, backed by might, which will guarantee the freedom of all peoples.

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Of recent years there has been some criticism of the postponement of the payment of Britain's war debts to the United States. Had Britain not endeavoured to treat Germany generously after her defeat, adequate and just reparations would have been insisted upon, and more money would have been available for the liquidation of the war debt to America.

As it was, by dint of tremendous sacrifice, Britain (as the American economist, Charles R. Whittlesey, points out) paid the United States approximately G$160,000,000 a year from 1923 to 1931, when the Hoover moratorium granted a breathing spell. With the pound sterling at par (during that time) these payments represented £32,800,000 per annum, rising to £48,000,000 when Britain divorced herself from the gold standard. At the end of the period of payments, she actually owed more than she did at the beginning!

Such a burden was not only unbearable, but, what is more to the point, exercised a dire influence in retarding international co-operation and prosperity, and no nation realised this more fully than the United States.

It has since been realised that Great Britain was the mainstay in stopping German domination of the world during 1914-18, for had she been beaten then, the world would have long since fallen under the baneful influence of Nazism, and all of us would have been deprived of our independence both in thought and substance.

If America was stirred to the seriousness of the problem in the last war, she faces the present upheaval in the sure knowledge that the existence of the British Empire and that of all free peoples is vital to her own peace of mind and happiness and prosperity.

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It is true that the United States came out of the last war with an apparently heavy debit balance, but, as also emphasised by Whittlesey, "the difference between what America loaned, and in the end may receive, must be charged up to the very expensive enterprise of making the world safe for democracy." (These words were written in 1932, and serve to emphasise the irony of the fact that democracy was not safeguarded).

If the cost of the last world war created such an interruption in the smooth running of international finance, it is only natural that this time the financial aspect should become secondary to the determination to crush the power which has created the present chaos Britain will throw in every penny she possesses, and so will the United States. A new order will be created out of the ashes of the present, and this time it may safely be assumed that when it comes to balancing the stupendous burden again created by Germany, Anglo-American co-operation and example will be the certain hope for the future happiness and prosperity of the world.

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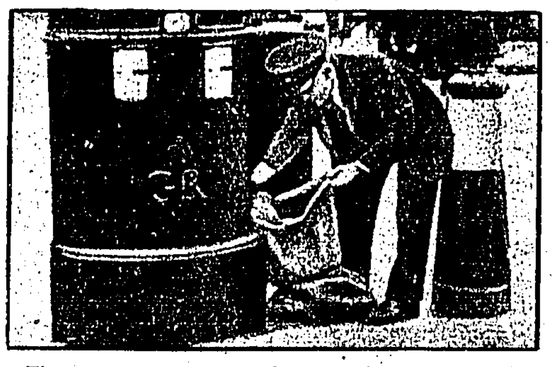
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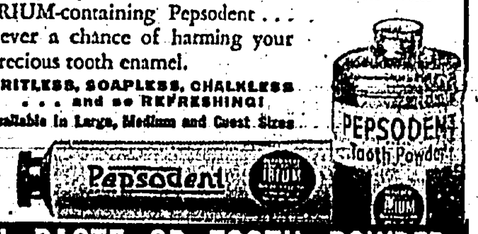


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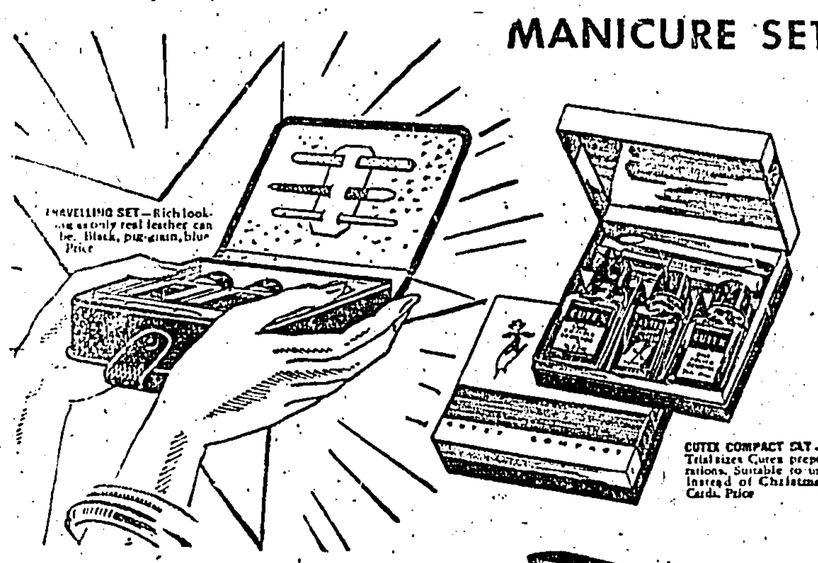
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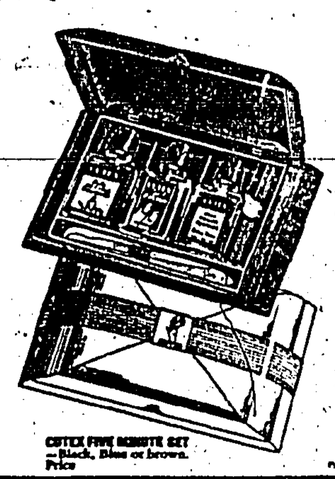


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War Spurs Development Of Australian Resources

Special to the "Telegraph"

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 13 (UP).—Prime Minister Robert Gordon Menzies has told a gathering of Sydney businessmen that in the process of organising her wartime economy, Australia is developing such resources, and such dynamic power, that when peace comes she will be furnished with industrial skill previously undreamed of.

Every week produces new enterprises supporting the Prime Minister's claim. One interesting phase of this activity is the effort to provide a local supply of drugs and medicines hitherto imported. The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research is experimentally cultivating plants from which these can be derived. One is the opium poppy, now growing at Canberra, and in Victoria, Queensland, and Tasmania. It is estimated that 450 acres of poppy would provide Australia's requirements of morphine.

Experiments are also proceeding with strychnos nuxvomica as a source of strychnine, cinchona, as a source of quinine, and ephedra as a source of ephedrine. Duboisia, growing in the coastal districts of New South Wales and Queensland, is a plentiful source of drugs used as mild anaesthetics.

Research has shown that many plants from foreign countries can be grown easily in Australia, and many Australian trees and plants of profuse growth can be used for the extraction of drugs.

Flax growing is expected to contribute importantly to post-war expansion of primary industry. Twenty-one thousand acres in Tasmania, Victoria, and Western Australia have been planted with seed from the United Kingdom. Processing of the flax straw begins this month in seven newly-established mills.

The United Kingdom, which asked for the establishment of this new industry in Australia, will buy the produce of 13,000 acres.

Potash Supplies

Potash worth $1,500,000 will be produced from alumite deposits at Lake Campion, West Australia, replacing supplies received before the war from Germany and Palestine. Deposits are estimated to be sufficient to meet the needs of Australian agricultural industries for 25 years at the present rate of consumption. The immediate aim is to produce 200 tons weekly.

Wool experts are investigating production from 'swent in wool of other forms of potash used in the making of soft soaps and preserving fried fruits. The method being investigated consists of steeping the wool before scouring.

I.C.I. Factory

Imperial Chemical Industries is building a factory in Melbourne costing $300,000 in which it is expected to begin production of food phosphates from argol, a by-product in the making of wine.

Another company proposes to produce food phosphates in Sydney by a different process.

Imperial Chemical Industries has invested $2,500,000 in an alkali works at Adelaide, South Australia, which is already producing soda ash and will shortly add caustic soda, calcium chloride, bicarbonate of soda and other products.

Newsprint

The first Australian-made rubber insulated cables are being sold in Melbourne, and a large Anglo-Australian group is preparing to manufacture similar cables in New South Wales.

The production of newsprint is expected to begin in the Australian Newspring mills at Boyer, Tasmania, in the new year. Eight Canadian operatives have arrived, and others will be trained locally.

Another company is producing 10,000 tons annually of fine printing, typewriting, and writing papers at Burnie, Tasmania, and a Victorian company, which began producing kraft paper pulp in Gippsland in 1939, is now turning out 30,000 tons a year, and will increase its plant to produce 15,000 tons a year more. All these companies are using Australian woods.

Production of gasoline from shale began at Glen Davis, New South Wales, in August. Production is from 30,000 to 35,000 gallons daily, and it is planned to triple this output, making 30,000,000 gallons annually.

Three million gallons of power alcohol are produced from sugar cane molasses, and several million gallons of benzol from coal gas.

MODERN COVERED WAGON

Buenos Aires To New York

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Dec. 13 (UP).—From Buenos Aires to New York in "covered wagons" is the dream of Ricardo V. Aldazabal.

Aldazabal, promoter of the "Caravan of Continental Goodwill," is organizing an expedition which will, according to tentative plans, travel the 25,000 kilometres from the Argentine capital to New York City.

The ten "covered wagons" which will be used for the journey are Ford V8 trucks which are to be converted into modern versions of the ancient "pioneers' chariot."

The route to be followed and the many other details involved in the planned journey are being studied by the organization's technicians.

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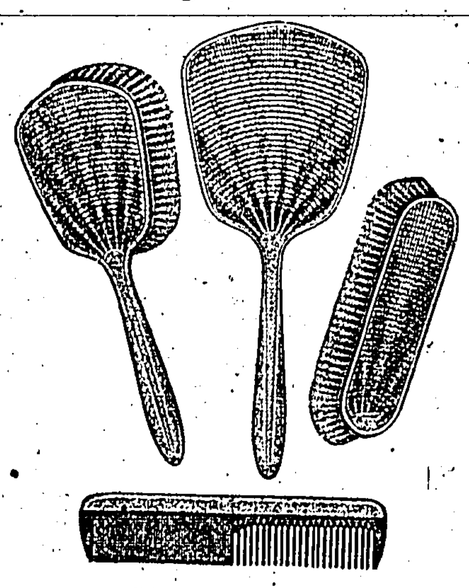
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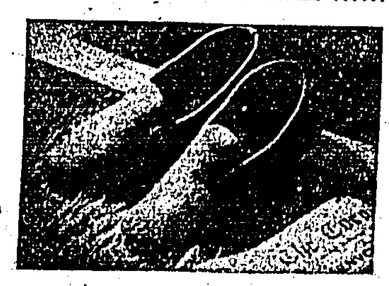
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Protecting The Goal-keeper

(By "SCRAMBLER")

THE NEW CHARGING RULE which has been enforced for the last few weeks has been given its period of trial, and from observation during this period, I have come to the conclusion that it is of not much help to a goal-keeper. Whereas with the old ruling, when an opponent charges a 'keeper, he is protected by his defenders, to either obstruct or parry the charge under the present ruling would constitute an offence.

What can a 'keeper do about it? Nothing except to be more on the alert and watch out for such charges. The best thing would be for him to get rid of the ball in the air, for as long as the leather is in his hands he must expect to be bundled into the net, and I have seen several instances both in the Senior and Junior Leagues of late.

The defenders, too, can also help in a small way by running across the path of the advancing forward without either touching him or obstructing him. His duty would be just to put him off his stride, to check his dashing advance, thus enabling his keeper to clear in good time.

All in all, this new ruling is a very big disadvantage to all 'keepers, as they are open to attacks without a chance of receiving aid from his defenders for that means a "spot" kick or a free kick.

Three Interports

HONGKONG will be taking part in three Interports during the early part of 1941, if arrangements in hand come through. Shanghai has written to the effect that Hongkong's invitation to visit this port is still under consideration and perhaps within the next few days this will be settled if a reply is forthcoming in answer to Hongkong's cable asking for a definite response.

Burma has also signified an intention of playing Hongkong here during April, 1941. This is also subject to their being able to get away on time, and the Interport match between Hongkong and Macau to be played in Macau has been fixed for April 20, 1941.

Charity Games

WITH the advent of the Yuletide Season comes a glut of Charity Matches in aid of worthy local causes. Beginning on the 15th instant, a game will be played between the Medical Department and The Health Department on the Club ground, proceeds of which will be in aid of Christmas Tree Fund for Queen Mary Hospital.

On the 22nd we have at Caroline Hill the two best all-Chinese teams pitted against two of the best Rest of the Colony teams and the proceeds of these two matches will be donated to the following three causes:

Hongkong Rotary Canteen Fund; Hongkong-Macau Relief Association and Chinese Youth Medical Relief Association.

On Chrismas Day Portugal will play England, and on Boxing Day Scotland will meet China. These games are for the "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup, and on New Year's Day, a Chinese team will play The Rest of the Colony at Sookunpoo, proceeds of which are for the B.W.O.F. and Bomber Fund.

Sing Tao Lucky

To-date, Sing Tao's team appear to me to bear a very charmed life, for on two occasions they have barely pulled themselves out of the fire. In their match against South China earlier in the season, they were very fortunate to force a draw after being two goals in arrears, and last Sunday facing a deficit of two goals for sixty minutes of the game, they managed to obtain two goals in the space of five minutes to rob Eastern of one point.

But to this I must add that irrespective of the conditions and play against them, they never lost heart and always kept going at it. It is to this tenacity that owe their power of recovery.

To me it seemed that were it not for the big-hearted display of their versatile 'keeper, Cheung Wing-cho, Sing Tao would be rated second rate, for the display of the rest of the team requires very much more improvement. Of the defenders only Soong Ling-sing still retains past form, and Leung Wing-chiu is not even a shadow of his former self. The forwards are a very unreliable lot, but though in this state, I do not see any possibility of St. Joseph's being able to cause an upset to-day.

The Saints' have still to find a combination. They are unable to improve and most of their work has been left on the shoulders of A. J. Hussain, D. Leonard and Gill Fer-

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POLO PLAYERS IN ACTION



Capt. T. W. Chattey, Middlesex, and one of his opponents in action during the Middlesex-Fixed Defences polo match at Boundary Street on Saturday last. This match was played prior to the final for the K.O.Y.L.I. Cup which was won by H.K.S.R.A. "A".—*Mee Cheung.*

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University Organise A Softball Team

HONGKONG University undergraduates have added another sphere of activity to their sports with the formation of a Softball team. This is a men's aggregation, though it is later intended to incorporate a women's section.

Activating influence has emanated from Lugard Hall, and Chairman of the new Club has been selected from that Hostel. Mainly responsible for the formation of the Club, however, has been Mr Leslie Sung.

Officers elected are:

Chairman: Mr George Schiller
Hon. Secretary: Mr A. R. Jacobs
Captain: Mr Leslie Sun.

Softball, however, is not a new game at the Varsity, for Ricci Hall had a team their own called the Ricci Rats. The manager of that team is now Hon. Secretary of the University Club.

It is too late for them to join the local League, and their intention is that friendly matches should form their programme.

WEEK-END FOOTBALL FIXTURES

The following are the fixtures for League football this week-end:

To-day

FIRST DIVISION

Middlesex v. Kwong Wah (Sookunpoo), 4.15 p.m.
Kowloon v. R. Navy (Kowloon), 4.15 p.m.
Hongkong F.C. v. S. China (Club), 4.15 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION

S. China v. R.A.S.C. (Caroline Hill), 2.45 p.m.
Kowloon v. R. Engineers (Kowloon), 2.45 p.m.
Hongkong F.C. v. R. Scots (Club), 2.45 a.m.
R.A.O.C. v. Kit Chee (Sookunpoo), 2.45 p.m.
Police v. Middlesex (Chatham Rd), 4.15 p.m.

THIRD DIVISION

R.A.F. v. 35th R.A. (Chatham Rd), 2.45 p.m.
R.C.S. v. 7th A.A. (St. J.), 2.45 p.m.
12th R.A. v. Medicals (Stanley), 2.45 p.m.
20th R.A. v. 36th R.A. (Military), 2.45 p.m.
International v. Shell (Caroline Hill), 4.15 p.m.
R. Engineers v. R.A.S.C. (Military), 4.15 p.m.

To-morrow

FIRST DIVISION

Eastern v. Police (Caroline Hill), 4.15 p.m.
Sing Tao v. St. Joseph's (Club), 4.15 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION

Navy v. Kwong Wah (Caroline Hill), 2.45 p.m.
Sing Tao v. 30th R.A. (Club), 2.45 p.m.

THIRD DIVISION

A.S.A. v. 24th R.A. (Chatham Rd), 4.15 p.m.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 14th December, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. **Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.**

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5.00 for Gentlemen and $3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21020).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is $1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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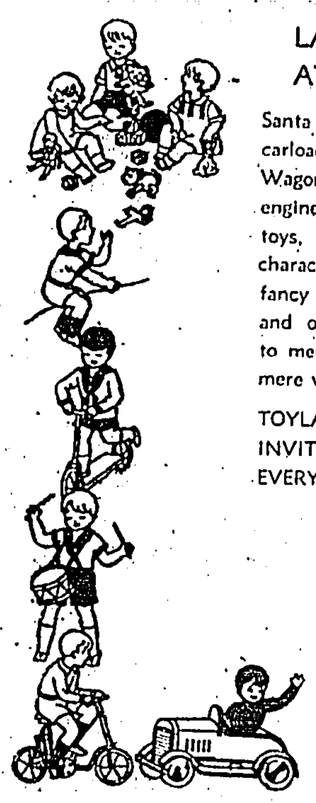
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Royal Navy Captains For Earlier Promotion

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—Young captains of outstanding merit in the Royal Navy will be eligible for promotion to the rank of Rear Admiral under a new promotion system announced by the Admiralty.

The next batch of promotions due early in the New Year will not depend on seniority as hitherto but will be selected from captains in the upper five years of the promotion list.

This decision, approved by an Order in Council, says "Reuter's" naval correspondent, marks an almost revolutionary change in the procedure of naval promotion and brings to an end a conflict of thought that has lasted since 1747.

Nords Cramp Nazi Schemes

Ships, Seamen Shortage

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The fear that ships might disappear in a "westerly direction" has led the German authorities in Norway to order vessels engaged in coastal trade to be supplied with only enough fuel to reach the next port says the Norwegian "Telegraph" agency.

Difficulties have also arisen in manning the few ships still engaged in this trade for the pay is bad and the German controlled Ministry of Shipping has ordered the Norwegian seamen's, officers' and engineers' Unions to recall their members to Norway.

All three Unions declined to comply and stuck to their refusal despite threats that their executives would be dismissed.

Khalsa Hockey XI

The following will represent the Khalsa hockey XI against Police "B" to-morrow in a Hongkong Hockey Association Tournament match at Police ground, commencing at 11.45 a.m.:

U. B. Souza, Kishen Singh, J. S. Grewal, Balwant Singh, M. H. Hassan, Mohinder Singh, Karminder Singh, A. E. P. Guest, Atwar Singh, Karminder Singh, A. E. P. Guest, Atwar Singh, Gurbachan Singh and Jangeer Singh.

Reserve, Gurdial Singh.

Permission for fireworks, to be discharged within the Colony between 11.45 p.m. and 12.15 a.m. on New Year's Eve, has been granted by the Acting Governor.

Rugby.

Teams For Tournament Games To-day

Two more Quadrangular Rugby Tournament matches will be decided this afternoon when Police meet Club at Boundary Street and Army, the favourites, meet Navy at Causeway Bay.

Prior to the big match at Causeway Bay, Club "A" augmented by several Navy "A" players, will meet an Army "A" fifteen at 2.45 p.m. Both Quadrangular games start at 4 p.m.

Teams for this afternoon are:

Club.—F. M. Thompson; D. I. Bosanquet, M. G. Carruthers, D. G. Day and D. H. Stewart; G. G. Aitkenhead and J. M. Thomson; I. M. Macrae, J. F. Burford, R. E. Heasman; C. F. Needham, Dr E. W. R. Hackett; G. B. Godfrey, A. J. G. Taylor (Capt.) and A. M. Kennedy.

Navy.—Lt. Norahan; S/Lt McGill, Tel. Honeywill, A/Ldg. Tel. Paul and A/Ldg Tel. Bowden; Mid. O'Riordan and Lt Rutherford; L. S. A. Palmer, Lt Watson (Capt.), Sgt Manfield C.P.O. Wtr King, F/Lt Taylor; A. D. Longmuir, S/Lt Beattie and S/Lt Poole. Reserves S/Lt Kennedy, Cdt Lambie, S/Lt Winter, Lt (E) Brown and L. A. C. Blackham.

Army.—L/Cpl Picton (R.E.); L/Bdr Richards (R.A.), Capt. Douglas (R. Scots), Capt. Hook (R.A.) (Capt.) and Pte Macdonald (R.A.M.C.); Lt Coombe (R.A.M.C.) and 2/Lt Wedderburn (R.A.); Cpl Sutherland (R. Scots), 2/Lt Ford (R. Scots), 2/Lt Bompas (H.K.S.R.A.); 2/Lt Millar (R. Scots), 2/Lt Heath (R.A.); 2/Lt Pinkerton (R. Scots), Capt. Duke (R. Scots) and Cpl Gilham (Middlesex). Reserves, Capt. Barclay (I.M.S.), L/Cpl. Foley (R.E.) and Pte Berry (Middlesex).

Major Curran (R.A.M.C.) will referee the Police-Club match and S. G. Davies (Club) will officiate at the Navy-Army match. The "A" fifteen encounter will be controlled by Lt J. R. Pirie (Army).

ENEMY SUPPLY SHIP BOMBED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 13 (UP).—A small formation of British bombers last night bombed the docks at Brest, and a patrol plane bombed and scored a direct hit on an enemy supply ship off the Dutch coast, according to an Air Ministry announcement to-day.

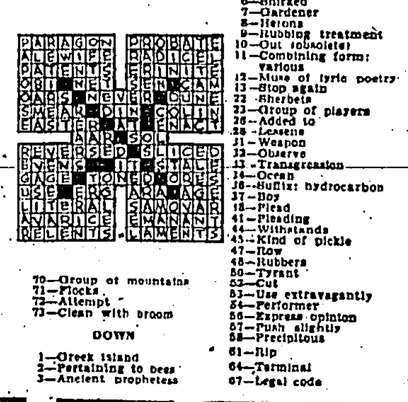
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Occasion (Latin)
6—That woman
9—Cause of motion
14—Sheep-like
15—Timber
16—Constant
17—Ribbon (obsolete)
18—Suffix of vocation
19—Stradivarius violin (slang)
20—Join closely
21—Heron feathers
24—Philippine negrito
25—Unlock
27—Restaurant
29—Intersect
30—Wise man
31—Pixie tax
35—Decorations
39—Harness
40—Scotch river
42—Two-toed sloth
43—Repaired
46—Come before
49—Girl's name
51—Fatigue
52—Bandage
53—Logical causes
59—Milk (pharm.)
60—Loose overcoats
62—Place
63—Flower
65—Vegetable
66—Skip syllable
68—Rock
69—Grain

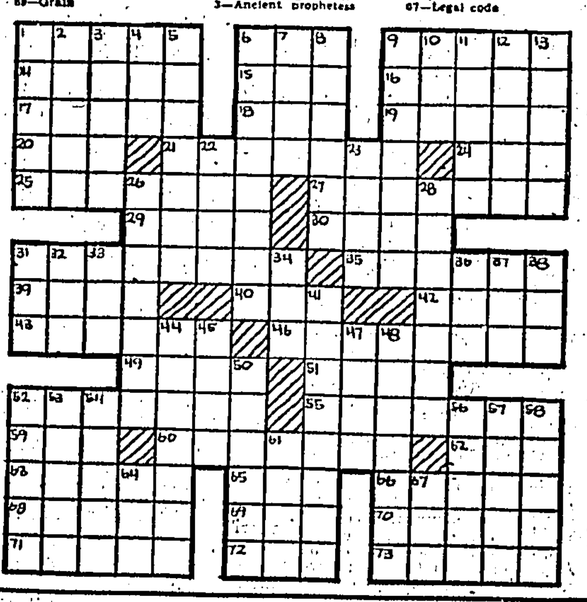
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



70—Group of mountains
71—Flocks
72—Attempt
73—Clean with broom

DOWN

1—Greek island
2—Pertaining to bees
3—Ancient prophetess
4—One (Spanish)
5—Legislative bodies
6—Shirked
7—Gardener
8—Herons
9—Rubbing treatment
10—Out (obsolete)
11—Combining form: various
12—Muse of lyric poetry
13—Stop again
22—Sherbets
23—Group of players
26—Added to
28—Lessens
31—Weapon
32—Observe
33—Transgression
34—Ocean
36—Suffix: hydrocarbon
37—Boy
38—Plead
41—Pleading
44—Withstands
45—Kind of pickle
47—Row
48—Rubbers
50—Tyrant
52—Cut
53—Use extravagantly
54—Performer
56—Express opinion
57—Push slightly
58—Precipitous
61—Rip
64—Terminal
67—Legal code



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Spate Of Soccer Activity

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nandes, in defence, and Macdonald in the forward line.

"Bogey" Reputation

CAN CLUB live up to their reputation as being a "bogey" team to South China? In the past when these two teams met, Club had invariably come off quite well, but on their recent display, I doubt whether they can provide any real opposition to a team that is going all out for the Championship.

The different display of Odell in goal of late has been very disappointing. I have seen him play like a veteran, yet last week, his display was that of a novice.

With the exception of E. Strange, Bickford and Fowler, the rest of Club's team are not up to standard, and unless they are capable of pulling a few tricks from the bag to-day, I doubt whether they can stand the pressure of Lee Wai Tong and Co., for the first period of the game.

Eastern's Trial

TO-MORROW a good game should be witnessed at Caroline Hill where Eastern oppose Police. Many will remember the sensational win the Guardians of the Law had over the much fancied Sing Tao team some time back, and Eastern cannot afford to take matters lightly. It is a proverbial fact that Eastern carry everything before them during first ten minutes of the game, and Police should take great care not to allow their defence to be overrun, for allowing them to obtain just one goal will suffice to put Eastern on confident ground.

If Chan Kwong-yu can be brought over to right-back, he will be able to do his duty better against the very nippy combination of Hau Ching-tau and C. T. Tsao, for it is from them that most of the danger comes. Blackburn, of course can look after Chung Yung-sum and Cheung Kam-hoi, and with their wing halves combining well together, Police defence should be able to give a good account of themselves. Gough will have to be on his toes in watching the fast centre forward V. K. Hyui.

To Howlett must be attached the hopes of the Police supporters, and it is his kind of play that will most probably upset the Chinese. With Moss barging alongside of him, they should be able to make their presence felt, and provided the two Chinese wingers come up to scratch, the Police forwards should be a force to be reckoned with.

As stated before, Eastern forwards must first be taken in hand by the defenders, for they themselves have a very powerful rearguard. With Hsu King-sing playing as well as ever, and the wing halves of Lau Tsi-chung and Ng Kee-cheong combining well, Police would do well to play the open type of game that will most probably get them to somewhere.

They should also remember to worry the keeper, for this player has always been shaky under pressure. The result, whichever way it goes, will be a close one.

To-day's Matches

TWO OTHER interesting and evenly matched games are also down for decision to-day. Middlesex oppose Kwong Wah at Sookunpoo and Kowloon entertain Navy at home. In the first game, Kwong Wah should be able to give the soldiers a good run for their points, for of late they have shown a marked improvement in the team.

Kowloon should be able to take full points from the indifferent Navy team. To date, the Senior Service have not provided anything of note, though for individual members, they are as good as any the rest can provide.

"Music Hall 1940"

A gay programme in vaudeville style and full of laughs was provided by "Music Hall 1940," presented by the military garrison at the China Fleet Club last night. The show will be repeated to-night and to-morrow.

Among those present last night were H. E. the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton, the G.O.C., Major-General A. E. Grasett and Rear Admiral A. M. Peters.

The performances, which are in aid of the British War Organisation and *S. C. M. Post* Bomber Funds, were staged by all ranks of the garrison.

To-morrow, His Excellency the Acting Governor, who is spending the week-end at Fanling Lodge, attended by his Aide-de-Camp, will during the morning and afternoon inspect the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps at work.

ANSWERS To Quiz

1. Two—Viscount Halifax and Sir Kingsley Wood. 2. Diet. 3. Montreal. 4. Hollow behind the knee. 5. Shantung. 6. (a) Robespierre (b) Charles II (c) Pitt (d) Napoleon. 7. Peking Treaty of 1860. 8. Dealer in precious stones. 9. King of Thailand. 10. All of them.

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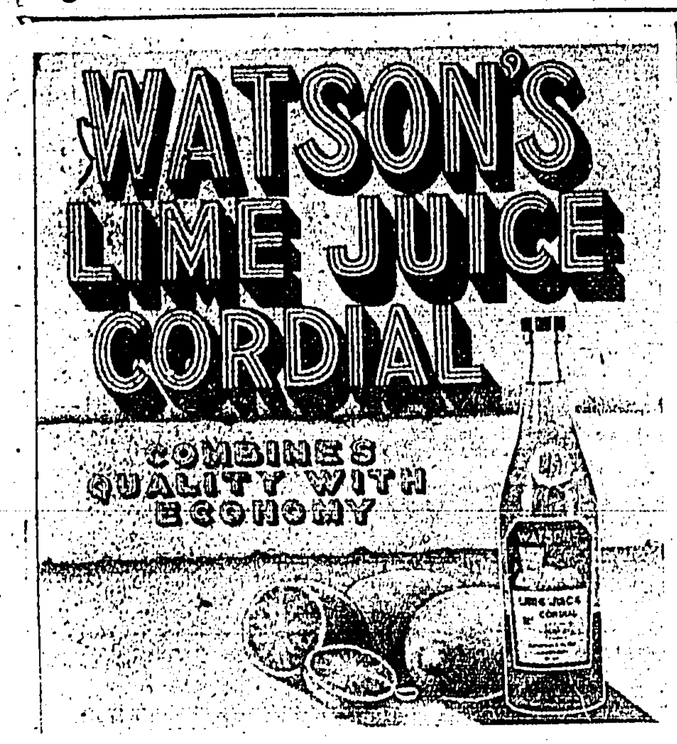
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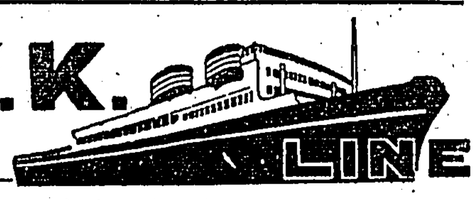
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BRAUDE.—On December 14, 1940, at the French Convent Hospital, to Irene, wife of Arthur N. Braude, a daughter.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

Saturday, December 14, 1940.

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MAIL SERVICES

ONE of the services which suffers most in times of war is the mail service and, conversely, it is in war time that this public amenity is most important because commercial and personal contacts and news have added value.

Hongkong has suffered a sad relapse from three and a half years ago when the Colony was at the point of becoming what is popularly known as the "Clapham Junction" of the Far East. Pan-American, C.N.A.C., Imperial Airways, South Western Aviation and Air France were on regular schedules which promised to extend their already far reaching lines to every part of the world. There was a railway line from Kowloon to Calais and shipping routes which had increased through the years to make this port the busiest in the Far East. The Sino-Japanese war, the Indo-China "incident" and the European war have cut our services to a minimum and the mails are now not only few and far between but extremely costly.

Nevertheless it would seem that some improvement could be effected, perhaps on representations of this Colony through the Home Government to speed up and supplement existing schedules. Imperial Airways have ceased their Hongkong-Singapore run because the Armistice Commission forbids Indo-China to allow British services to operate there, and the Company cannot spare one of its big machines, or does not think the service justifies it, to run direct between Hongkong and Singapore or to join up with the Durban-Sydney route at Rangoon.

Pan-American have stated that they are negotiating for facilities to link Manila and Singapore, but the company have not at present the equipment to conduct a regular service from Hongkong to Singapore and they certainly would not consider such a run if they were not allowed to carry freight and passengers. Under existing contracts there is a veto on this and it would seem that Government intervention would be necessary to bring such facilities into being. It should be possible in the public interest and for the public welfare to come to some arrangement since an air link between Hongkong and Rangoon or Singapore would save six to eleven days.

As regards trans-Pacific mail it is noteworthy that Canadian mail destined for the Far East has been allowed to accumulate at Vancouver for the Empress service to bring over, when a week and sometimes two weeks would have been saved by forwarding this mail to San Francisco for American boats to carry. The further reduction of C.P.R. shipping service and the increase in American shipping on this run suggests some immediate adjustment but nothing is known of new mail contracts being effected between the Canadian and American governments to meet the situation. Authorities who were consulted said they "felt sure" that something would be done.

Government postal contracts are very valuable to the concerns which obtain them but since it is a public service paid for by the public, the Hongkong Government would be lacking in its duty if it did not attempt to secure better services for both incoming and outgoing mails.

IMPORTANT NEW BOOK:

America's Stakes In Orient: Peace Or War?

Robert Aura Smith, a newspaperman of wide experience in the Far East and America, has just written a book which every American should read. It could also be read with profit by every East Netherlander, with understanding by every Briton, and with more than passing interest by every liberal-minded Japanese.

Under the title of "Our Future In Asia" (published by the Viking Press, New York, at $3), Mr Smith begins with the trade factors that really underlie the upheavals and threatened upheavals in Asia. He then goes on to explain their overwhelming importance to the Japanese southward expansion and sets out bluntly the recent reiteration of that policy by leading Japanese statesmen.

Since the book is written with the main purpose of awakening Americans at home to the importance of their stake in the Far East, the author dwells at length on the destiny of the Philippine Islands. His conclusions briefly are that the Filipinos do not want an independence in 1946 that will leave them defencelessly facing a predatory Japan, but that if they do have that free status more or less thrust upon them, it will be because Americans have lost their pride of Empire or do not wish the responsibility of defending a position which they have an excuse for vacating with dignity. Japan's attitude has now made the defence of the Philippines a matter of great expense and political anxiety.

Isolationist Dream

The isolationists have been rudely wakened from their dream of a Utopia within the bounds of one continent whose people could pursue their own way of living outside the discord of Europe and Asia.

To-day there are two powerful and international ways of living in conflict with each other, democracy and totalitarianism, and their workings reach down from the highest ideals of internationalism to the occupations and wage lists of the humblest home. At the present moment powerful new weapons of war, insidious new methods of conquering free peoples and a growing disregard for solemn pledges between peoples has led America to realise the dangers to herself that are smouldering in the flaming homes across the Atlantic and the Pacific.

The old saying that American co-operation with Britain was only a blind to get the U.S.A. to pick British chestnuts out of the fire, has been silenced; a few months ago America's biggest chestnut was the British Navy.

In the Far East America owes an enormous debt to the Filipinos. She must guarantee that the people whom she has ruled for 40 years are left in a position to maintain themselves in safety. Her link with the Far Eastern countries is a strong one forged with the raw materials that are absolutely essential to her armament and industrial factories. Half of her rubber and tin come from Malaya and the Netherlands East Indies, the sugar and rubber production of the Philippines and Java could break the world markets if they were not amenable to present international control, coconut oil and fibre is America's fifth import in rank, and the South China seas area is the biggest producer of this still vital necessity. China owes America countless tons of tung oil and has valuable wolfram ore deposits.

Access To Markets

The list could be elaborated in detail but enough has been said to show that the United States depends on continued access to the markets of the South China seas for some very important commodities. America has done more to develop China and the Philippines than any other country. She has done a labour of love in China that has paid handsome dividends and the future of the Asiatic market is the greatest potential that can be conceived from a business point of view.

The United States is now being asked, not very politely, to stand aside while Japan, which gained greatly from American friendship over fifty years and dovetailed her national economy on the exchange of raw silk and cotton between the two countries, marches into the arena with the openly stated intention of establishing hegemony first over Manchuria, then over China, Indo-China, Malaya, and the Archipelago.

The China Incident to repress Communism, the desire to become friends with China by taking away its own government and protecting a pro-Japanese administration with "friendly" Japanese troops, have been the symbols of Japanese progress on the Asiatic mainland for over two years. Lately these slogans have been cast aside as worn threadbare. It is an Imperial way that excludes European nations from entering the Open Door. It is the Imperial Way that will first subjugate a nation and then control its destinies to fit in with the economic life and political wishes of the Japanese. By these means, say the Japanese, they will have the strength to protect these nations from outside aggression.

As in Europe, the victims will be on the same basis as Slavs slaving for their lords and masters, the Nazi Herren class.

Fatal Mistake

Mr Smith points out that Americans are coming to realise that it would be a fatal mistake to allow their interests to be trodden on in this ruthless manner when they are yet strong enough to prevent it. True, friendship with Japan has stilled the two countries together that an embargo on exports of certain goods would now be construed as a hostile act. The embargo on scrap metal was regarded as an affront by Japan though it was quite justifiable on the ground that America needed it for her own defence leaving out altogether the fact that the metal goes to make bombs with which to destroy the Chinese whose resistance depends on American help and encouragement.

An embargo would seriously inconvenience America as well as Japan. It would be the next thing to declaring war and it would serve to unite against a common attack the many factions in Japan who still resent the policies of their Government.

Yet some strong step is necessary, urges Mr Smith. It is quite obvious that America's own interests have been the object of hatred by Japanese. A strong naval force despatched to Manila would make an impression on Tokyo that would cause their army and naval chiefs to hesitate before they attempted new conquests. Consultations with the British and Dutch with a view to joint action should be undertaken more energetically and frankly.

Singapore Base

Mr Smith does not forget the Singapore Base in his estimations of joint British American action. He also points out that the British are firm in their intention to defend Hongkong. The evacuation of British women and children was a shock to the Japanese and this Colony has further strengthened itself to put up a strong resistance despite being menaced from the mainland and Hainan.

The unity of interests of the European Powers in the Far East will combine to make them a very tough combination in which the leadership should be undertaken by America.

Mr Smith has set out at length the practical and moral grounds for refusing to accede to Japan's demand for pre-eminence in deciding the destinies of Far Eastern nations. Despite the geographical proximity of Japan and China and the fact that their economies must necessarily be closely interwoven, China has repeatedly repudiated the notion that she wants to eject all foreign influence from her borders and substitute in its place domination by the Japanese.

With great and growing emphasis China has aligned herself with the democracies, to whom she has set an example of spirited resistance that has deserved more appreciation from her European sympathisers.

The author of "Our future in Asia" has set out his facts and theories so dispassionately that their very understatement will make the reader glow with indignation that he has not as clearly perceived behind such thin excuses as "over-population," "the menace of Communism" and "Asia for the Asiatics," the real and deadly mission of Japan.

Mr Smith concludes that Japan has weighed the cost and has decided that the venture is worthwhile. He now asks all Americans to weigh the facts in their turn and to decide that the defence of their interests in the Far East, sustained by a sense of duty to people who are fighting for their lives and for the same way of life, is not only necessary and worthwhile but that it can also be undertaken.

G. W. G.

TELEGRAPH QUIZ

1. **How many British Cabinet Ministers at the time of the Munich Pact are still holding office, and who are they?**
2. **The Japanese Parliament is called the (a) Sukiyaki (b) Yoshiwara (c) Diet (d) Banzai.**
3. **What famous port is nearly 1,000 miles from the sea?**
4. **Where is the popliteal space?**
5. **In what province of China is Taierchwang, scene of the famous battle?**
6. **Who were the (a) Sea Green Incorruptible (b) Merry Monarch (c) Great Commoner (d) Man of Destiny?**
7. **By what treaty, and in what year, was Kowloon added to the territory of Hongkong?**
8. **A lapidary is a (a) native of Lapland (b) dealer in precious stones, (c) person interested in antiques (d) scientist.**
9. **Ananda Mahidol is (a) a perfume (b) an African republic (c) King of Thailand (d) a Biblical character.**
10. **Which of these flowers are mentioned by Shakespeare—columbine, poppy, daffodil?**

Answers are on Page 7

Italians May Request Greek For Armistice

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sector, machine-gun and cross fire are alleged to have cut down hundreds of crack Alpine ski troops after the Italians had reached the second defence line, with the Greeks still holding Makra heights and planning to use the captured skis to form their own ski battalion.

The newspaper "Vradine" reports from Pogradetz that the Italians flew reinforcements to the front but one complete Aplini regiment was completely destroyed after remaining in the front lines for eleven days without relief.

The Greeks are reported to be within five miles of Hirama. It is stated that the Italians are violently counter-attacking on the heights south of Lisoura with heavy losses on both sides.

In the Moshcopolis sector, the Italians are reported to have repulsed a new Greek effort to win the village of Gramsi with heavy losses on both sides.

It is also reported that 700 British planes are operating with the Greeks.

Critical Situation

STRUGA, Dec. 13 (UP).—Frontier reports say the situation around Telepini is critical with the Greeks only two miles south of the town and bringing heavy pressure to bear on the Italians who are reported to be withdrawing five miles to the north-west on the main road to Valona.

The Greek artillery continues to bombard Telepini heavily and it is reported that there are many civilian casualties and big fires.

R.N. Transported Greeks

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—It is not generally realised that the British Navy substantially assisted the Greeks in their rapid mobilisation.

Many Greek reservists live on the islands surrounding the mainland and it was the British navy which enabled these men to be carried safely and rapidly to the mainland, there to play their part in hammering Mussolini's armies in Albania.

Palermon Taken

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—It is officially announced in Greece that the Albanian port of Palermon, 15 miles north-west of Sante Quaranti and 35 miles from Valona, has been taken. Palermon is not a first-class harbour but it might have offered one line of escape for the Italians in the coastal sector.

Greeks Storm Positions

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—The Greeks say that at many points at the front the Italian command has been replaced off-hand.

At two points battles are raging and these are turning to the complete advantage of the Greeks who have captured several places.

An important conflict is in progress in the central sector and this will greatly influence the further development of the war.

The Greek Command expects to be in a position to issue more good news soon.

"Reuter's" special correspondent on the Albanian frontier says that artillery fire opened along the whole front this morning and the Greeks began to move their troops forward under a heavy barrage against heavily fortified enemy positions.

Berat and El Bassan

The Greek attacks were particularly violent in the Devoll valley and in the sector where their objective is Berat. Fighting was also violent in the valley leading to El Bassan.

North and north-west of Pogradetz the Greeks are still moving slowly forward under very heavy fire.

The artillery duel is almost continuous from Moshcopolis to Underichte on Lake Ochrid.

During the day Italian bombers were very active on the whole northern front attacking Greek positions particularly along the Moshcopolis-Koritza line but the morale of the Greek troops remains excellent.

HONGKONG HOLIDAYS

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vants and not for the public generally.

It also proposes to abolish the general holiday on the first Monday in September and to substitute instead a general holiday on the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival day or if that day should be a Sunday then on the following day.

This arrangement will suit the local banks and business houses as the Festival is observed by Banks and business houses in Shanghai whilst the first Monday in September is not. It is a lunar festival which during the next ten years will fall on various dates between September 10 and October 6, it is pointed out.

LATE NEWS

Further $1,000 For Bomber Fund

The Bomber Fund received further support this morning including a cheque for $1,000 from Mrs Lambert Dunbar.

China's Budget

CHUNGKING, Dec. 14 (Reuter).—China's annual budget is likely to reach a total of $20 to $30 millions eventually, with the country making all efforts to increase armaments and also to further national reconstruction, according to Dr Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan.

ITALIANS DISINTEGRATED

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bing of the engines of British bombers and fighters who plastered Italian aerodromes and protected the advancing British troops.

Except for a return to bases for more bombs, the British pilots hardly ever paused.

Army's Christmas Present

—Nevertheless, this is the Army's show, or as one officer said: "It is the Army's Christmas present to the folks at Home."

In less than one week, the British Imperial Forces, including Highlanders and Indians, have chased five Italian Divisions including Blackshirts from strongly fortified positions, and have done this by a combination of sheer courage and ingenuity of tactics.

The most striking tribute to the British action was paid by Colonel Guis Freda, Chief of Staff to General Maletti who was killed at Nideiwa. The Colonel told the officers who had captured him that "the action was brilliantly conceived, and even more brilliantly executed. We were completely taken by surprise."

Describing how operations began at Nideiwa early on Monday, the Italian Colonel said that the British opened fire just before dawn. The Italian General sent out two patrol forces in front of their fort, but they then heard British tanks rumbling up behind them.

Immediately Nideiwa had fallen, the British forces re-formed and attacked the Tammar group of forts northward between Nideiwa and Sidi Barrani. These were occupied by the end of the first day, and our men were able to concentrate on pushing forward to Sidi Barrani.

Throughout all this action, the important Italian encampment of Safafi, ten miles westward of Nideiwa was not attacked, although it was contained by British armoured forces while the main British forces pushed past it towards Sidi Barrani and Bug-Bug.

Poor Quality

"REUTER'S" MILITARY COMMENTATOR

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—General Graziani may still have ten Divisions, but probably he has less as his numbers must include many on the lines of communication and administrative units.

And what of their quality? Certainly if this last battle may be taken as a guide to their training and military efficiency, it is not of a very high order. It is not yet possible to assess the extent of the Italian defeat. Complete collapse may ensue or Graziani may organise fresh forces, take up a new position and again offer battle.

Again it is quite likely that our troops may not be able to renew the attack at once, for supplies of water, oil, ammunition and repair material of all sorts must be brought up, but the Royal Air Force might make the passage through the stiff and difficult defile at Sollum a very bloody operation for the Italians, and this result will be enhanced greatly if the Royal Navy can bring their guns to bear from the sea.

Next Theatre of War

If Graziani's forces can be sufficiently organised to fight again it will certainly be on the west of Sollum, which is against the Libyan border.

The problem for General Wavell will then be to bring forward through the Sollum defile sufficient troops to enable him to repeat his great stroke.

In the meantime, the question of our supplies may be eased because of our command of the seas, if a sufficiently good port exists on the coast.

In the case of a second battle, our position is very favourable, for General Wavell can again count on naval help on his right flank and against the Italian rear, while our possession of the Siwa Oasis and roads leading north from it to Tobruk offers the opportunity for another great enveloping movement from that direction, though it would have to be of wide scope, the advance being over 200 miles.

Lull Expected

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 13 (UP).—Military authorities here expect a lull in the Egyptian operations while mechanised units are being over-hauled following their five days headlong drive, during which they encountered terrible sandstorms.

The vast distances covered, the lack of water and the handling of some 20,000 Italian prisoners present additional problems.

Bedraggled Prisoners

"REUTER" ABOARD BRITISH WARSHIP MEDITERRANEAN, Dec. 13 (Reuter).—We are now anchored off a small Egyptian Western Desert port. During the past few days thousands of bedraggled prisoners have been pouring into this base providing a tremendous food and transport problem, and necessitating their speedy transfer by rail and car in order to make room for more.

THE R.A.F. TAKES VIOLENT ACTION

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surrendered, the British troops found the Italian Colonel awaiting them with his pyjamas packed in a bag already for internment. He was taken to a select desert prison camp, established for the use of Generals, Colonels and Majors only, whose occupants include Colonel Glus Freda, General Pescatori, commanding the 2nd Division of Libyans, and also the son of General Maletti who was wounded.

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Training Our Defenders



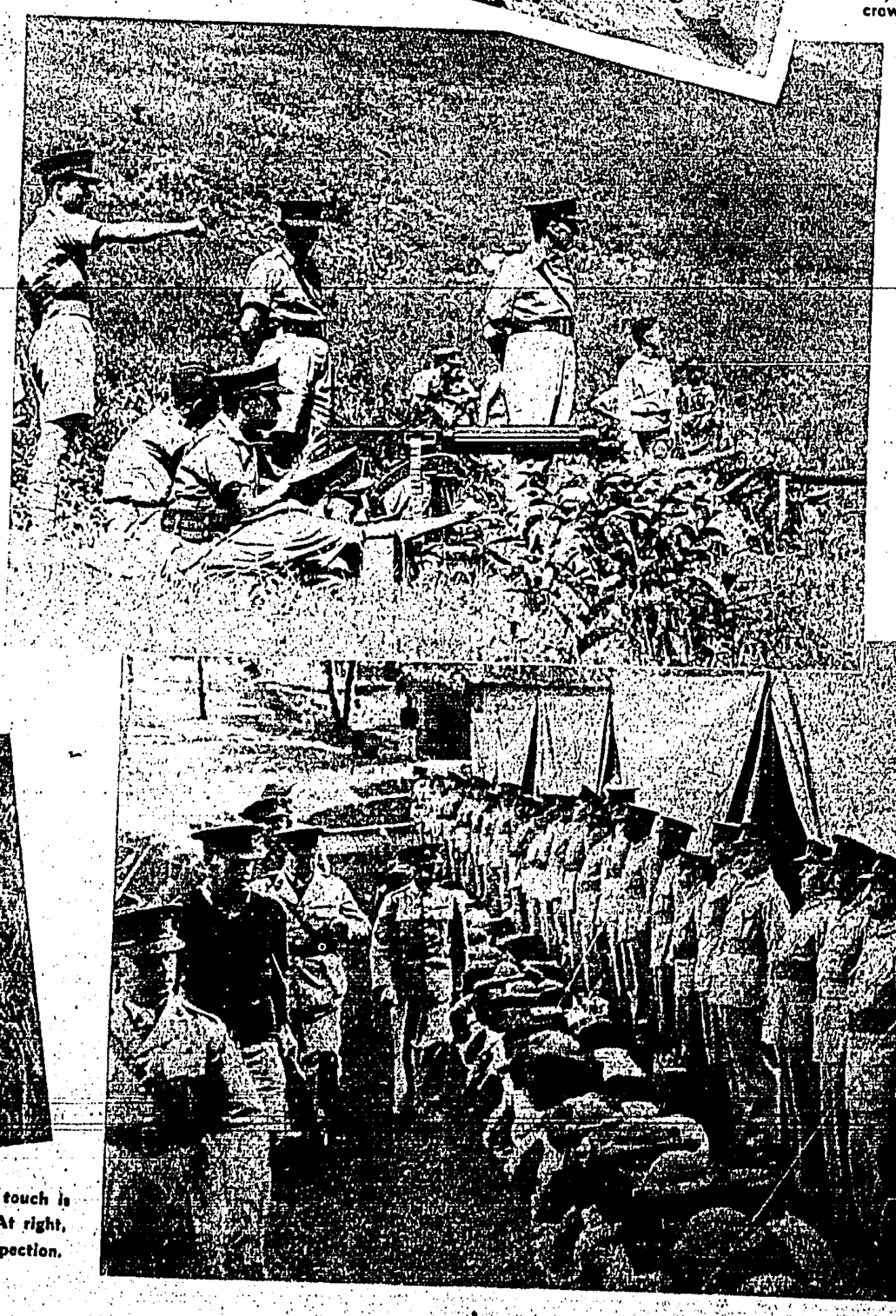
The anuual training camp of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps is now in full swing, and hundreds are now spending the required week under canvas. Some incidents of camp life are shown in these pictures.



At left, officers conferring over a map on the training exercises for the day. Immediately below, a machine-gun crew in action.



The General Officer Commanding, Major-General A. E. Grasett (left), the Commandant, Col H. B. Rose, and an officer observing exercises.



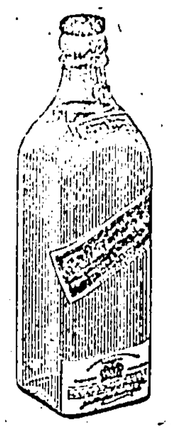


A very realistic touch is conveyed in the picture above. At right, the Volunteers line up outside their tents for kit inspection. (Photos: Ming Yuen).



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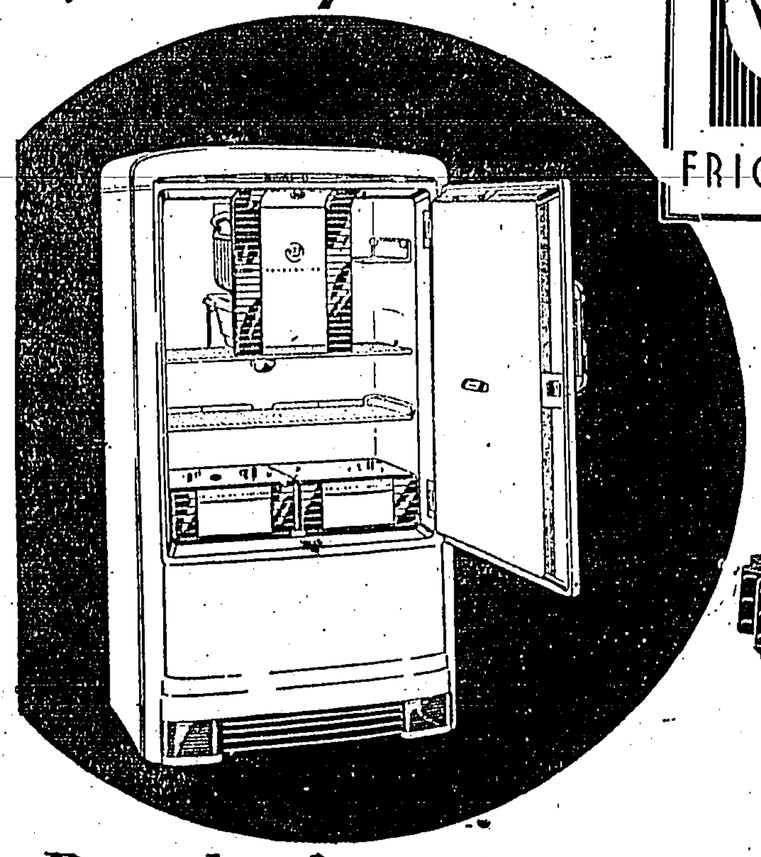


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THE COMPLETE STORY OF THE BRITISH PURCHASING COMMISSION IN THE U.S.

Arthur Purvis, Buyer for Britain



TO-DAY the war supplies Britain is getting from America and Canada are no more than a trickle.

Before very long, however, the trickle will have become an ever-increasing, rip-roaring flow of planes, guns, ammunition, and explosives.

To get even that trickle to start from a few seeping drips has been a colossal task.

The two men chiefly responsible for it are Mr. Arthur B. Purvis, 50-years-old chairman of the British Purchasing Commission in the United States, and Col. J. H. M. Greenly, until last June Director-General of the former British Supply Board in Canada.

To date Mr. Purvis has spent or contracted to spend £500,000,000 in the United States. And for this Britain is getting, or has got.

11,000 warplanes, of which 3,000 are believed to have been delivered;
6,000 Rolls-Merlin aero-engines;
4,000 25-ton and 30-ton tanks;
1,000,000 rifles;

together with vast quantities of other types of aero-engines, ammunition of every description, heavy and light artillery, machine-guns, including the new .5 types for aircraft (the Fleet Air Arm are busy replacing their lighter .3's with these), Thomson sub-machine-guns (the sort Mr. Churchill was holding in that famous photograph taken during his recent tour of the North-East), bombs, torpedoes, mines, explosives, and flame-throwers.

One in every four men in the British armed forces is now said to be equipped with an American rifle.

The R.A.F. are already using American-made Douglas bombers and the Buffalo fighters.

Among our reported aircraft orders are 800 twin-engined Lockheed interceptor fighters which have a speed of well over 400 m.p.h. and which are armed with a 36 mm. cannon and numerous machine-guns.

By the end of the year we shall have had nearly 2,000 more bombers and fighters from America. The present delivery of U.S. 'planes to us is 500 a month, and it is increasing daily.

By next January America's output for Britain may reach 1,300 'planes a month. This, however, is not enough. We want 3,000 a month from America alone to help carry the war into Germany.

Such a figure will necessitate the erection of 40 new factories. Discussions to this end are now in progress.

An Emergency

FROM time to time there have been strong efforts by Isolationist groups in America to hinder Mr. Purvis's work.

But people have to get up early to get the better of him. When last spring and early summer our need for any sort of arms, any sort of munitions, was very great, Mr. Purvis got to work to tide us over. There were vast stocks of "surplus" arms in America—arms which she had left over from the last war, and which she had kept in good condition—rifles, field guns, machine-guns, and ammunition. In addition, there were warplanes which the United States Army were willing to turn back to manufacturers while waiting for later-type machines.

Mr. Purvis bought and went on buying, shipping his purchases as fast as he could to Britain.

He secured about a million "surplus" rifles and machine-guns and a large batch of "surplus" guns.

In June and July alone he bought and received 80,000 machine-guns, 500,000 rifles, and 750 field guns, with huge stocks of ammunition.

For months Mr. Purvis has been thinking and dealing not in tens or hundreds of thousands of pounds, but in millions and tens of millions of pounds.

He has two policies to carry out simultaneously—the immediate fulfilment of the Ministry of Supply orders on behalf of the three Fighting Services and the much larger long-range war supplies policy of the Cabinet itself.

Speed of delivery is the dominant factor of all our orders.

Once orders are now given, no changes, even improvements, are introduced, in order that there shall be no delay.

Mr. Purvis's organisation in New York consists for the most part of a series of watertight compartments, each staffed by experts. There are a heavy-guns section, a light-guns section, a machine tools section, a section for explosives, and a score of others.

As the need arises new sections are formed, and more experts are sent out from Britain to staff them and collaborate with the American manufacturers.

One of the newcomers to America is a general who commanded a tank regiment in France. He has gone to advise on the design of the 4,000 tanks which are to be built for us at a cost of £40,000,000.

To-day Mr. Purvis has wider powers than any other man ever sent on a mission by a British Government.

All red tape has been cut away.

He could, in fact, spend £1,000,000 on guns to-morrow without a word to Whitehall, other than a cable asking for the necessary funds to be placed at his disposal.

16 Hours a Day

FOR a year Mr. Purvis has been the busiest man in America. Every day of the week—Sundays included—he works 16 hours. His energy is unbounded.

Every hour brings its vital interview with a manufacturer, its conference with one of his executives.

Even hustling America is astonished at the speed with which he gets things done.

Three days a week he flies to Washington (he's the most regular traveller on the air line) to see Lord Lothian, British Ambassador to America, and the U.S. Government chiefs.

Roosevelt is always glad to see the bushy-browed, keen-eyed, immaculately clad head of our Purchasing Mission.

On most of his visits to the capital Mr. Purvis lunches with Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the United States Treasury.

Mr. Morgenthau's bill for new tablecloths must be heavy. Or else he makes a point of washing the secrets off them himself after Mr. Purvis has been to lunch. For by the time the coffee has arrived the two of them have covered the white cloth with innumerable pencilled notes and calculations.

The formation of the British Purchasing Commission was no haphazard, quickly conceived affair. It existed—in skeleton form on paper—many months before war broke out.

Within a few days of the declaration of war, Colonel Greenly, chairman of the world famous engineering firm of Babcock and Wilcox, went to Ottawa as Director-General of the British Central Supply Board for Canada and the U.S.A. (although little could then be done south of the Canadian border in the way of buying war materials, owing to the United States Neutrality Acts, which had banned their export at the time of the Spanish Civil War).

A member of this board was Mr. Purvis, President of Canadian Industries, the sister company in the Dominion of our own £100,000,000 Imperial Chemical Industries, and a director of a host of other Canadian companies.

Then in November last year, two months to a day after the outbreak of war, America amended her Neutrality Acts to enable warring nations to buy munitions in America on the famous cash-and-carry conditions.

Within a few days Mr. Purvis was in New York as chairman, not of the British Purchasing Commission—that was to come later—but of the joint Anglo-French Purchasing Commission in America.

From the first he had been earmarked for the job by the British Government.

In the 15 years he had been head of Canadian Industries, he had proved himself a statesman among the politicians of business men. He had travelled throughout the United States and Canada. With the vast ramifications of the two concerns behind him, there was precious little he had not learned about North American industry.

In this war, from the very start, was supplies were bought through the Anglo-French Purchasing Commission in the best and cheapest market. There was none of the 1914-18 senseless outbidding of each other which sent prices sky high.

Although our purchases may be colossal, Mr. Purvis has seen to it that the contract prices have always been the lowest possible.

The Difference

FROM the start the British and French orders, apart from warplane requirements, were for the most part totally dissimilar.

Britain concentrated on getting machine tools to equip her own new war factories, which were springing up everywhere. She was making plans for the future for every conceivable sort of war production in America; but machine tools came first—our stocks of munitions were considered sufficient to carry on with.

France let America know that she wanted munitions badly. She poured out capital for the erection of new factories in the States. There were premiums for their early completion. The world thought it was France increasing her already enormous stocks of munitions. It did not know that it was France trying to make good her stocks.

When the collapse of France took place, it was of vital importance that the whole of the French orders in America should be taken over by Britain; above all, we wanted the 'planes that were being built for her.

After consultation with the Cabinet and Lord Lothian, Mr. Purvis took over en bloc the whole of the French orders in the United States.

It was then that his organisation assumed its present title of the British Purchasing Commission in the United States.

At once he had to set to work to reorganise and remap his entire buying campaign.

Embassy Work

THE relationship between our Embassy in America and the Commission is a peculiar one. In some respects the Commission might also be said to be an extension of the British Embassy, so closely do the two work together. All cabled instructions to the Commission, for instance, are duplicated for Lord Lothian. The Ambassador knows what is going on all the time.

Lord Lothian's work begins where Mr. Purvis's ends.

When Mr. Purvis finds that a deal cannot be put through on a straightforward cash basis, owing to legal or diplomatic difficulties, then Lord Lothian steps in.

This was the case over the destroyers deal (and now 25 torpedo boats and some submarines may be following the destroyers).

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WHILE Mr. Purvis was going ahead in New York, Col. Greenly in Ottawa was overcoming enormous difficulties in turning over Canada's industry to a war basis.

Ammunition production was the first to make real headway.

Slowly but surely Colonel Greenly got things going—'plane and aero-engine factories started to function, producing only a few to begin with, but soon speeding up.

By the spring Canada's output of warplanes will be 350 a month.

By June the position had become so satisfactory that Col. Greenly felt himself able to wind up the Board and hand over its entire work to the Munitions Department of the Canadian Government.

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SINCE the formation of the Ministry for Aircraft Production we have spent an average of 10,000,000 dollars a day on aircraft in America, a figure which includes 700,000,000 dollars on warplanes that would have gone to France.

The whole of our aircraft purchasing in America is now handled by Mr. Morrie Wilson, the Canadian banker.

Mr. Wilson has inherited a lot from Mr. Purvis, and nothing of greater importance than the 6,000 Merlin Rolls air engines.

This £60,000,000 deal is one of the instances in which Mr. Purvis revealed himself as a fighter, able to go in to win after taking what to many men would have been a knock-out.

Sinister Figure

He first offered the contract for these engines to Ford's. All seemed to be going well. Then the sinister figure of Col. Lindbergh appeared on the scene. Within a few hours of a visit he paid to Detroit, Henry Ford announced that he would refuse the contract on the grounds that it was for a foreign nation.

Purvis refused to give up. Britain had to have those engines, and he went into the fight again.

And this time the victory was his. After weeks and weeks of long negotiations the contract has now been accepted by the huge Packard company, which is to make 6,000 for Britain (and 3,000 for America) at a cost of £60,000,000.

And what is Mr. Purvis paid for his work? He fixed his salary himself. He called it a nominal salary. It is—one dollar a year.

Mr. Arthur Purvis

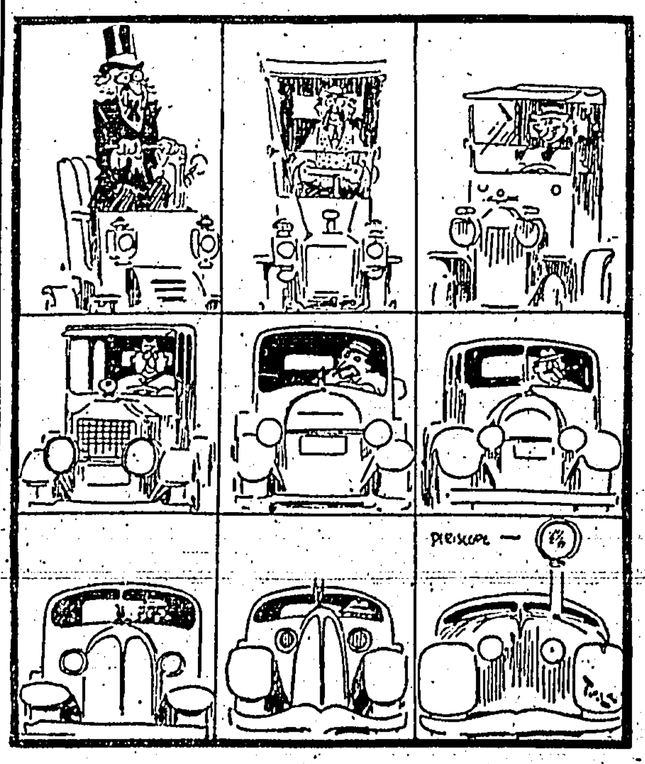
is an Anglo-Scot born in Tottenham, his mother being a Londoner and his father a Perthshire man.

After being a junior in the City, he joined Nobel Explosives in Scotland, where he came into contact with one of the firm's seniors, Harry McGowan.

Now that Harry McGowan is Lord McGowan, chairman of Imperial Chemical Industries (in which Nobel's was incorporated), and Puvis is head of Canadian Industries—he was appointed to the job when he was only 34.

When on a trip to New York he met and married an American girl—their only son is now at Eton.

TRENDS IN MOTOR CAR DESIGN



(From the Australian "Shell House Journal").



TIGER STANDISH

nearly loses his life

scrape men in form

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When Who Shattered themselves to Death

By Sidney Horler

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nd away he went.

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ame very animated; not only did
upport his brother officer, join in,
ed by the sound of the melee,

rushed up. Very quickly Standish was hemmed in by a crowd of men, most of whom, probably because of his civil attire, were unmistakably hostile. He was not given a chance to explain—it was naturally assumed that he had committed a drunken assault upon an officer wearing the King's uniform and, with the stupidity of the mass mind, he was universally condemned.

What malignant hand smashed him down from behind with the aid of an empty bottle is not material; suffice it to say that he was smashed down, and that his last remaining impression was of being carried, head-first out of the room.

He recovered consciousness to find himself in very different surroundings. This empty barn—if it was a barn—was entirely strange to him. He wondered in that first waking moment why he felt so stiff, and then discovered that this rigidity was caused by ropes binding both his arms and his legs. He was very much like a trussed fowl.

He did not care for the feeling and, putting forth all his strength, he endeavoured to break free from his bonds. He was in the midst of convulsive wrigglings, which did not appear to have the slightest effect, when the door opened and two men entered. One wore the uniform of an R.A.F. officer, the other was a Major in the Gunners. The chatterers at the party. Well, he'd give them a piece of his mind.

But before he could do any talking himself, the man who had flung wine into his face earlier that evening, walked up to him and gave him a violent kick.

"You fell into our trap too easily, Standish," he said; "it wasn't so exciting as I had expected." He was speaking not in English but in German. "My friend and I have been waiting to get hold of you for some time."

Nazi-spies!

Revolting as the knowledge was, he could not help feeling for these daring masqueraders a certain admiration. It must have required some nerve to have carried off this imposture.

"It was easy enough to pretend to be British officers," the sneering voice went on; "after all, both of us speak English very well, as you have heard, and thanks to the almost unbelievable folly of everyone in London talking war secrets at the top of their voices, we have been able to pick up a tremendous amount of valuable information. It was because we were out to collect some more that we spread the bait to-night at the party. 'A sprat to catch a mackerel'—isn't that an English proverb?"

No reply came from Standish. He was too mortified to speak to begin with, and, secondly, he was not going to give these swine any further opportunity of gloating.

The malignant voice went on.

"You have roughly about fifteen minutes to live, Mr. Standish," it said; "we shall be leaving you shortly, but before we go, there will be planted near you a crude but quite effective bomb inserted inside a cheap clock. This will give you the advantage of knowing precisely at what moment you will be blown to pieces. German attention to detail, you see—we Nazis leave nothing to chance."

The speaker, the man who was masquerading as an Air Force officer, beckoned to his companion and the bogus Gunner Major walked towards him carrying what looked like an alarm clock of the cheaper variety.

"You have prepared it?" he was asked.

"Yes; in exactly fifteen minutes, as you have said, our fine friend here," motioning to the prisoner, "will be saying farewell to the British Intelligence Department!" As though to emphasise the statement, he stooped down and slapped the Englishman across the cheek.

After placing the clock on an empty wooden case by the side of the pile of sacks on which the prisoner had been thrown, the man in Air Force uniform and his companion made their adieux.

"My compliments to Sir Harker Bellamy," were his final words. Then a door slammed, and Standish was alone.

No man in the prime of life, no matter how hazardous an existence he has lived, can view with any degree of equanimity the prospect of being hurled into eternity within a short space of time. What is more, in his particular case, Tiger felt that if he himself had been consulted, he would have chosen a much less messy way of departure.

He dared not let his thoughts travel beyond himself. That way madness would lie even in the short period that he had left, so, shutting out everything but the one-in-a-million chance that he had of getting free of his bonds, he began to exert all his strength again. But it was useless; those damned ropes held him in a vice.

In fascinated horror he found himself looking at the white face of the cheap clock. It went *tick-tock* with what seemed maddening quickness. *Tick-tock!* Already five minutes had passed; he had now only nine more minutes to live! Nine minutes . . . then with normal expectation he should have been assured of at least another forty-three years of existence! Nine minutes . . .

For two or three seconds his self-control almost went. Then he started on the ropes again. Again it was useless. Exhausted by this time, he clenched his teeth and waited—there was nothing else to be done.

Tick-tock! Only five minutes now! Five minutes. . . .

Sonia! He had fought with all his mental strength, but the vision of his wife as he had last seen her returned to add to his torment.

Tick-tock. . . .

"I sye, do you know you've left this light unscreened?"

The incongruity of that voice, belonging to someone he was unable to see, coming on top of his maddening thoughts, was so shattering that he burst into an hysterical laugh.

"It's nothing to laugh at, let me tell you—people like you ought to have more sense, and the newspapers have warned you often enough. Jes' as though we Air Raid Wardens had nothing else to do but traipse round the country lanes in the middle of the night. . . ." Then the complaining voice broke off to exclaim in an entirely different tone: "Lor', lummel Whatever's been 'appenin' 'ere?"

Now Tiger was able to see. Standing to the left of him, looking down, was a short podgy man, dressed in an ill-fitting overcoat and wearing as a badge of his office an equally ill-fitting steel helmet on which was the illuminating letter "W". Altogether he bore an uncanny resemblance to Strube's famous creation, "The Little Man."

He had in his right hand a torch, and this he was shining full in Standish's face.

Tick-tock. Tick-tock! Three minutes now.

"Here, cut me loose! Get a knife and cut me loose!"

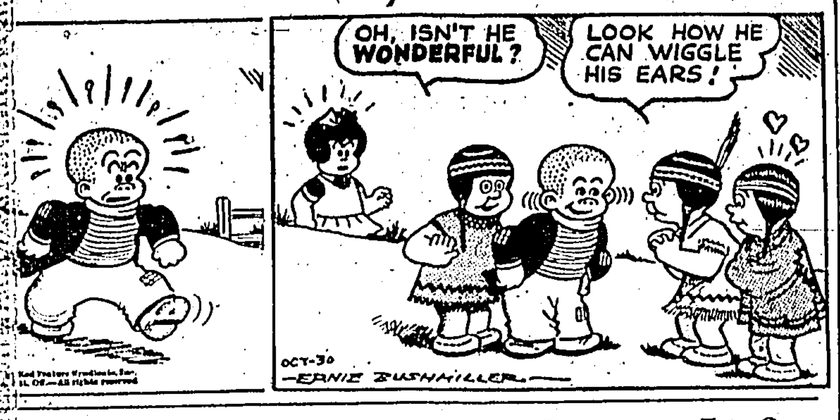
He did not refer to the awful thing that threatened them both; distraught as he was, he felt that the Air Raid Warden who had wandered in upon him so providentially had already sufficient on his mind.

The other displayed unexpected coolness. Without making any comment, he produced from his trousers pocket a serviceable-looking clasp knife, flicked back the blade and went to work with praiseworthy alacrity.

Tick-tock! There was just one minute left . . . Reaching across, Tiger tore at the wire connecting the time-fuse, and rendered the devilish contraption harmless.

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By Ernie Bushmiller





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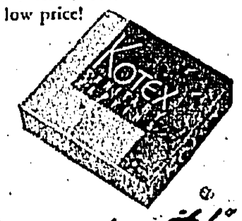
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THREE MILLION MEN to knit for



FINE knitting for fine people—our own fighting forces—is the slogan for the women's knitting army this winter. Navy, Army, Air Force and Home Guard, which of the three million men are you planning to knit for?

They are already asking for socks, stockings, pullovers, helmets, mittens and body-belts. Scarves and gloves may be added also to the list of comforts which eager fingers and clicking knitting-needles can soon produce.

But, whatever we decide to make, let us take trouble over it, using good wool, a practical pattern and careful workmanship; for one well-made garment gives more satisfaction than half a dozen botched-up, amateur-looking affairs.

Besides, wool is far too valuable and hard to come by these days for an inch to be wasted.

First and foremost, it is important to remember that it isn't always the thickest and heaviest garments that give the most warmth.

Light & Cosy

A well-shaped garment knitted on fine needles in a good quality three-ply wool has more elasticity and will be much warmer and will retain its shape longer than a heavier more inferior wool knitted on coarse needles.

Further, no Service man has any storage space to spare and the cosy garment that doesn't take up much room in his kit bag or under his tunic is the one that will appeal to him most.

I know fine knitting takes double the time to do, but, surely, to us who can only stand by and knit, our time is a minor matter if we can produce the right goods! And we can! And we are going to!

Here are a few practical hints which may be of use to you. First of all, buy a good wool with a branded name that you know and choose instructions that have been worked out for that ply wool.

Then, out with your tape measure and knit up a short piece to see that your tension is right. If you are a loose knitter then work with finer pins—a tight knitter can have a size larger.

Keep It Clean ...

Be sure to buy sufficient to finish the garment and keep the wool clean and fresh. Some women I know make a paper cup to hold the ball of wool.

That rolling about of the wool on the floor for the kitten to play with may entertain the children, but it gives the garment a shabby look before it is worn.

If you are making a pullover, don't go in for fancy stitches and extras. They won't be appreciated and they take far longer to do. A good wide rib is as practical as anything. It has plenty of elasticity and it is easy to follow.

LIFT-BOY CLIMBS FIFTH COLUMN

The Greek liner Nea Hellas (formerly Tuscania) arrived in New York recently with 500 passengers from Lisbon, among whom was Georges Kessel, a former member of the staff of *Paris Soir*, who said that the Germans had made the liftboy in the office of that newspaper its director as a reward for his fifth column activities.

The boy had been an employee of the newspaper for 18 months. When the Germans came into Paris he opened the doors of the office to them with the announcement that the presses were ready to start.

EXPLORER OF THE NEXT WORLD

CONVINCED that his death would prove beyond dispute the power of human beings to send messages from beyond the grave, the famous scientist, Sir Oliver Lodge, died.

He left behind him a sealed message by means of which he was certain that he could prove his survival in another world.

"I have left a sign," he said. "No one but myself knows what it is. It is only a little thing."

Sir Oliver must have slipped out of life easily. He was in his 90th year, the sturdy descendant of a grandfather who had 25 children and of a father (a railway cashier) who had eight.

He himself had 12 children.

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He built up his reputation in a padded cell, for the laboratory in which he made his main contributions to physical science was a converted madhouse in Liverpool.

Here he popularised the lightning conductor and made pioneer experiments, the details of which he published promptly and generously, making available the later perfection of wireless.

Throughout his life he seemed content to sow seeds, leaving the harvest to others.

His own radio experiments were developed and exploited by such men as Hertz and Marconi.

At the turn of the century an American woman medium put him on the scent of the supernatural, and the death of his son Raymond in the last war gave him a definite objective in these researches.

His book, "Raymond," which everybody read, contained accounts of his conversations with his dead son and made him widely known as a Spiritualist explorer.

In the last years of his life he wrote many articles in response to the desire of a large section of the public to be assured that death has no sting and grave no victory.

* * *

Sir Oliver was largely his own teacher. He left school at 14, read Samuel Smiles' "Self Help" with avidity and apparent profit and struggled for years before he was allowed to leave his father's business and become a scientific student.

His persistence was justified.

A few years after escaping from a business career he was walking about the streets of Liverpool listening with earphones to wireless messages tapped out from the city's university.

One of his last messages was: "I do not know whether seekers for messages from me when I am dead will have the power to bother me. If they have—that will be a nuisance!" S.F.

BOOKS

"Into China." By Eileen Bigland. (Collins. 18s. net.)

"Eyes West." By Basil Woon. (Peter Davies. 10s. 6d. net.)

The authors of these two books are not merely professional travellers; they are also professional writers. So their adventurous records have both colour and elan. Mrs. Bigland went into China to fulfil a contract with a publisher and to discover for herself the celestial secret of serenity. She fulfilled her contract generously; and though the celestial secret may elude her readers, she gives pertinent data from which they may make plausible deductions.

Her journey from Rangoon, via the Burma Road, to Chungking was made by ammunition convoy in native company; and as her lively prose retraces it, one feels that the inflexible cases of ammunition and rifles among which she was packed were to be envied. As compensation for the journey's physical and climatic rigours, the local squalour and final tragedy, she had the companionship of a cultured Chinese girl with a genius for sleep, a sterling coolie lorry-driver, and the Chinese landscape, that series of celestial transformation scenes punctuating an infernal route.

She saw the soul of China inured to torment, its bodies torn asunder by Japanese bombs. Yet humour, even high spirits, keep breaking into a record that is both sickening and sublime. Mrs. Bigland's eye for the sordid as well as for the beauty in this strange land is as keen as her zest for travel.

The photographs that stabilise her text do not so much illustrate it as justify her love of China and the Chinese. Excellent as pictures, they are an antidote to some sickening experiences.

Mr. Woon's autobiography covers his youth from emigration to Canada in the early years of George V. to his return to England in the early years of George VI. Moving swiftly up and down the Americas, first as a jack of all trades, then as master of one, he saw and did so much that a catalogue of the things he left undone and the places he did not visit would be briefer than the positive list. He began as a tramp, he became a journalist.

His story is headline stuff, and is so reported. He quickly acquired an American outlook and idiom, and the reporter's notebook would seem to have nourished his present text. His narrative darts, as he himself darted, from adventure to adventure, from pillar to post with the slick fecundity of an anecdotal kaleidoscope.

A certain monotony of style veils his intrinsic versatility. He is an expert journalist, and his method leaves little room for reflection. His wife, whom he met in Hollywood, contributes a preface that helps to round off a portrait that his abounding text leaves somewhat flat.

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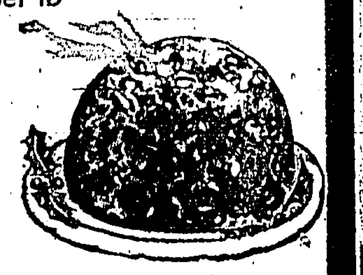
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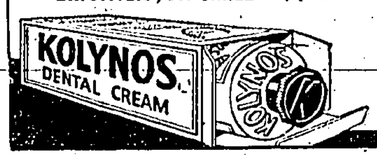
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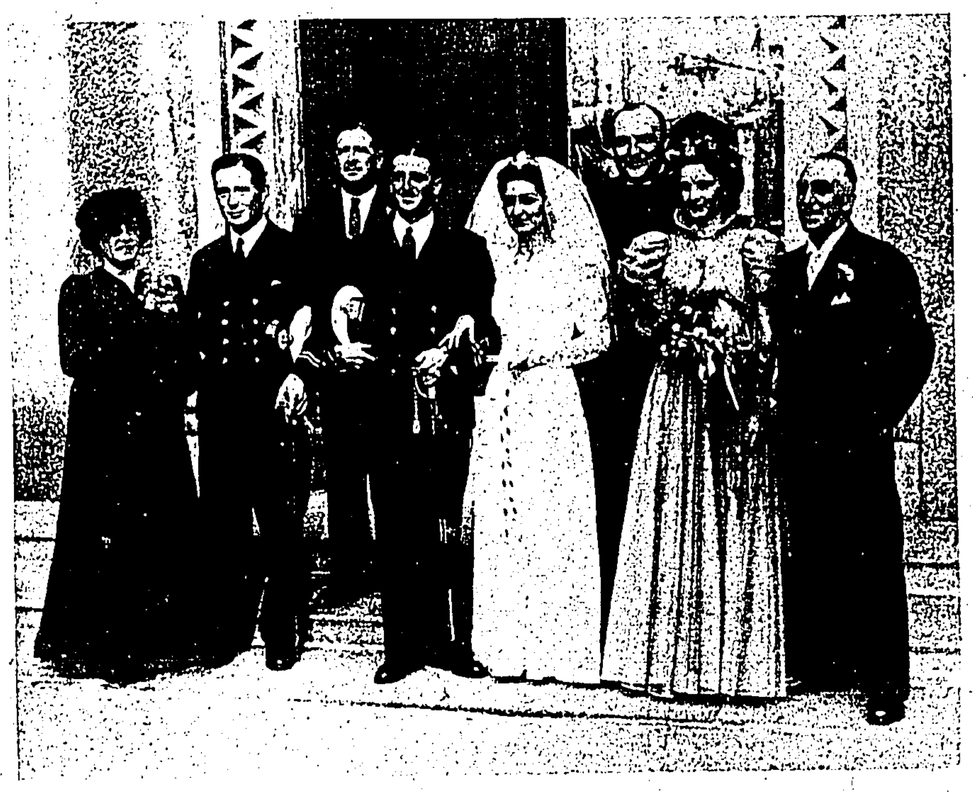
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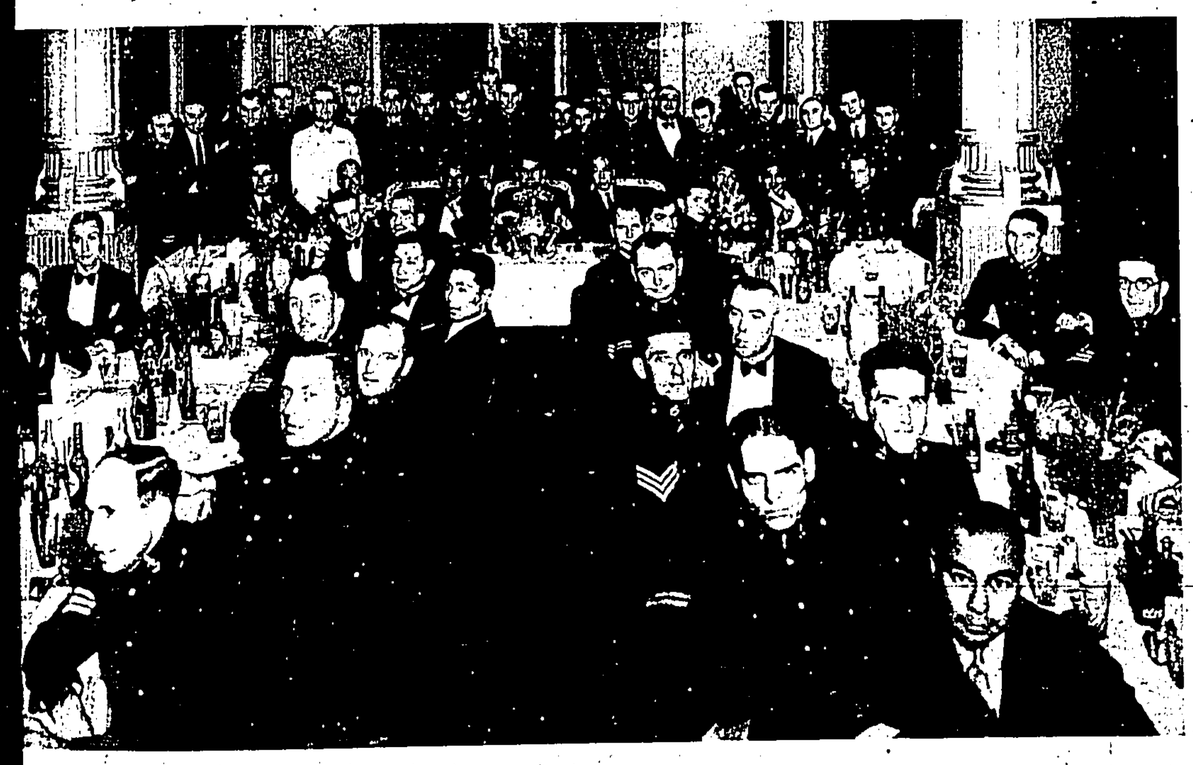
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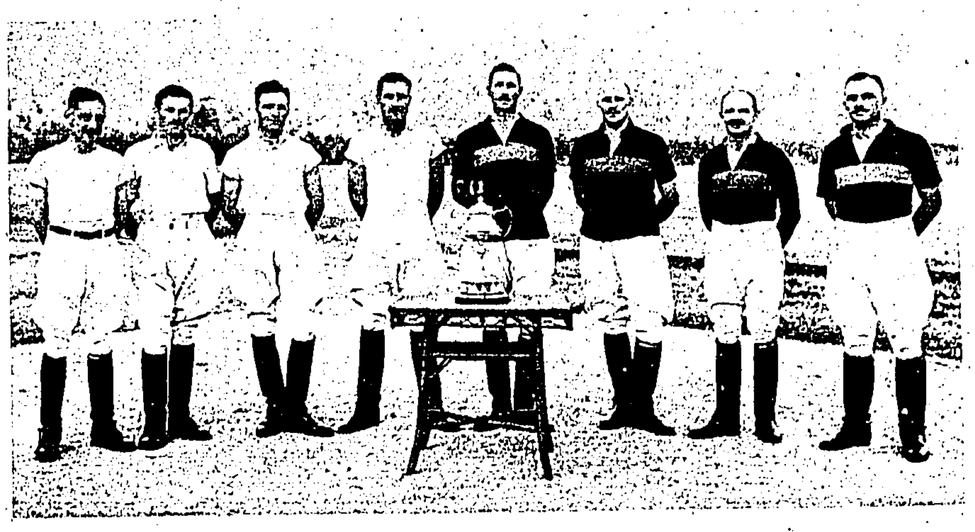
R BOMBER FUND—Several playlets will be staged by the Dramatic Section St. Andrew's Club at St. Andrew's Church Hall on December 17 and 19 in of the Bomber Fund. Pictures above show Janet Broadbridge, Charles Thom d John Moulton in "It Is Quicker To Telephone"; Dorothy Wilson, Dora Lan-ester, Dorothy Shaw, Robina Andress, Grace Darby, Rita Cole, Leslie Millington, thur Jeffreys and Ralph Spencelayh in "Murder At The Bugginses"; Ralph rmer, Iris Joyce and Rupert Baldwin in "Send Her Victorious." (Photos: Ming Yuen).

WEDDING BELLS—Photo taken after the wedding, at St John's Cathedral on Monday, of Lieut. Reginald Bertram Wood, of the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force, and Miss Isabella Joan Seath. (Photo: Ming Yuen).





E HONGKONG FOOTBALL REFEREES' ASSOCIATION held their annual dinner last Saturday at the Hotel Cecil. At official table are Mr T. G. Stokes, the Rev. S. Hinchliffe, Mr W. E. Hollands, Mr Hugh A. Beard (Chairman), Mr Mok Hing, Mr Walter H. Chen and Mr Li Wai-tong. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



POLO COMPETITION—The competition for the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry Cup was won last Saturday by the Hongkong-Singapore Royal Artillery "A" (in dark uniform), who beat the H.K.S.R.A. "B". Below, Mrs. W. T. Stanton, who presented the trophy, is seen with H. E. Major-General A. E. Grasett and Mr. Stanton. (Photos: Mee Cheung).



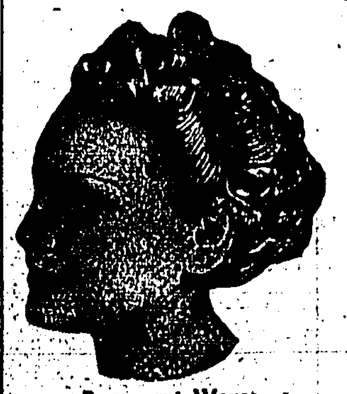
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MERRYMAKERS who attended the dance given last week-end at Ricci Hall, Hongkong University, are seen in the above picture. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



GROUP taken after the wedding recently of Mr S. C. Liang, the well-known jockey, and Miss Alice Jo Ho. (Photo: Mee Cheung).





LEUNG-CHEN—Mr and Mrs Leung Chiu-sang, formerly Miss Chen Shoue-hung, who were married recently. (Photo: Kwong Ngai).



BAZAAR FOR RELIEF—Officials, helpers and guests at the recent charity bazaar organised by the Hongkong Chinese Women's Soldiers' Relief Association. Seated in middle (in white) is the Chairman, Mrs Rose Tan. On her left are Madame Sun Fo and Miss Hu Mu-lan. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

FUN FAIR—The Hoopla at the Christ Church Fun Fair last week was popular with the children, as this picture shows. (Photo: Ming Yuen).





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His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-General E. F. Norton, snapped at the training camp of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. His Excellency is chatting with Col H. B. Rose, Commandant, and Lieut.-Col E. J. R. Mitchell. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

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There can be few officers or men of the Navy who, by the time they have about five or six years' service, are not well acquainted with the Islands of Malta; and there can be fewer still who have come to know them and their people well who have not a very real affection for both. The islands themselves are small, almost treeless and at first appearance arid. Anyone visiting them for the first time in summer might be excused for describing them — as young men of the Navy, in one of those confident generalisations from insufficient experience common to youth, have known to do—as smelley dust-heaps. But a closer acquaintance undeceives them.

Malta itself is rocky—Gozo and the islets are just the same—and much of the rock of which the surface is composed lends itself to the excavation of cellars which, in mediaeval times, were found to be ideal for the storage of wheat; they are still used for the same purpose.

Hence grew up an entrepot trade, but a rule was made by the island authorities that ships coming to buy corn would only be permitted to trade if they were ballasted with soil, which must be left behind. Many of Malta's fertile fields thus consist of imported soil spread on the native rock, drawing its fertility from the lime and phosphates of the latter.

THE GREGALE

In order that it shall not be blown away by the winter gale—the Euroclydon of St. Paul, now known as the *Gregale*, from the north-east alternates with equally violent gales from other quarters with great frequency during the first three months of the year—the Maltese husbandman digs up some of the rock and builds high walls round his tiny fields.

These walls are all that the visitor see from the roads or looking over the country from an eminence, and he is inclined to assume that the island is bare and dry. But inside them three crops are grown between January and June, and even more on ground that can be irrigated; and every sort of luscious fruit tree also flourishes, so that the oranges of Malta rival the best of those of Spain.

ATTRACTIVE PEOPLE

The Maltese are an attractive race. Of middle stature, swarthy without any of the negroid admixture to be seen in Sicily, they are industrious and laughter-loving. There is nothing of the Italian in them, for they rarely marry outside their own race; their language suggests Arabic rather than any Romance tongue, but philologists pronounce it to be even earlier than in Saracenic form, and to be probably the purest survival of the language of Phoenicia and Carthage. It was never written before the end of the last century, but until recently over 80 per cent. of the Maltese spoke nothing else. It is now the official language of the courts, but English is of course the language of the Government and is spoken by more and more of the people as well as their own language.

The Maltese joined the British Empire of their own free will in 1817, and have been loyal citizens of it ever since.

By bent, they are mostly husbandmen and sailors—an island race as prolific as they are, inevitably looks largely to the sea for its livelihood. Many of them have served in the Royal Navy in peace, and even more in war, when they have volunteered in large numbers for minesweeping and like duties. They are good colonizers too, and there are Maltese communities in many Mediterranean countries as well as much farther afield of late years. But there is no more home-loving person than the Maltee, and, though he will go elsewhere to earn a living, he pines for his own beloved island if he stays away from it for too long. That, perhaps, is how he has managed to preserve his individuality throughout so many centuries, despite foreign domination inevitable in a tiny island placed, as Malta is, at the centre of the Middle Sea.

CONQUERED NORMANS

Malta was conquered by the Normans at about the same time that England was, and it remained an appanage of the monarch of Aragon until it was granted by the Emperor Charles V in 1530 to the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, which had just been expelled by the infidel from its stronghold of Rhodes.

Before the Order was firmly established there it had to withstand a tremendous siege by the Turks in 1565; but the infidel was beaten off by the devotion of Grand Master de la Vallette and his Knights, at the cost of some 9,000 Knights and men-at-arms, and the island remained under the Order's quasi-ecclesiastical sway until it was brought to an end by Napoleon on his way to Egypt in 1798. La Vallette built the beautiful city of Valletta, on what had hitherto been a barren rocky ridge between the two parts of the magnificent Grand Harbour; and he and his successors constructed the fortifications, the great ditches of which are a wonderful sight to this day. So are the *auberges* the community houses of the different *Langues*, or national contingents, of the Order.

It is perhaps because they were for so long under ecclesiastical rule that the Maltese are such a pious race. There are no more devoted sons of the Roman Church than they, and every village, despite the poverty for the most part of the villagers, has its beautiful church. That of Musta, indeed, built by the villagers themselves, possessed the third largest dome in Christendom when it was finished in the last century—it may have lost its proud place by now.

The visitor is inclined to wonder how it is that a tiny and for the most part indigent island can support as many of the priestly caste as he sees in walks abroad. One gains the impression nowadays that priestly influence is waning, though not, it would seem, the piety of the islanders; and the more spectacular ceremonies of their church have just as much appeal to them as to all other Mediterranean peoples.

St. Paul, of course, is the patron saint of the island—was it not its good fortune to save him from the tempest?—but the great co-Cathedral of Valletta, and its matchless tapestries, were dedicated by the Order to their own St. John.

Malta, it will be gathered, is rich in relics of the Middle Ages, but not of that period of history alone. It possesses some of the most complete and interesting neolithic temples that are known; and in at least one limestone cave there were found the fossilized skeletons of mammoths and their contemporaries among the larger mammals. The student of any historic or prehistoric period will find something of interest to him in Malta.

SHIPS AND AIR FORCES

The feature of Malta which makes it so valuable to this country is that which made it attractive to the Order of St. John—its magnificent harbour.

It is small by modern ideas; no large sheet of water, but narrow creeks, from the shores of which the fortifications of La Vallette and his predecessors arise abruptly. Yet its contours are so convenient that the mastodons of to-day, the Hoods and the War-spites, use it freely and deftly as did the three-deckers of Nelson or the galleys of the Knights. Breakwaters built some 30 years ago partially protect it from the ragings of Euroclydon, which blows straight into its entrance facing the north-east; but not completely, and even now a *gregale* may suspend boat communication in the harbour for days on end.

The galley harbour of the Knights is now His Majesty's dockyard, which has overflowed the creek between the cities of Vittoriosa—so-called since it withstood the siege of Suleiman the Magnificent—and Senglea. It now extends through a tunnel to the next arm of the Grand Harbour, and even farther. Two graving docks were there constructed late in the last century, and since the last War a large floating dock was moored in the Grand Harbour itself, at the same time that an aerodrome was made at Hal Far, near the other harbour of Marsa Scirocco.

AIR DEFENCE PROBLEM

Though ships have grown while fleets have dwindled, the resources of Malta have kept pace with both movements. But Malta, like other strong places of which the defences were made in the days before air forces, has its weak points to-day. Considered as a fortress, it is as strong as it ever was, if not stronger, and it would be a bold enemy who would attempt its reduction and capture. But it is one of the most thickly populated places in the world, and thus an attractive target to an enemy who counts terrorism among his weapons.

Yet even so, Malta has its natural advantages. The ordinary method of building a house is to excavate the cellar and so obtain the materials of building: for the coralline limestone is easily shaped with a saw. It follows that the construction of air-raid shelters is easy and quick, and thus it is that, while some of the most thickly peopled areas are next the naval dockyard, the civilian casualties in the raids that have been made have been but moderate; though indeed the magnificent defence of the R.A.F. fighters has been chiefly responsible for that satisfactory result.

Even so, when the enemy possesses air bases in Sicily, only 60 miles away, and a numerous air force, Malta's utility as a naval base is inevitably severely restricted, and that restriction has economic repercussions on the people which must be taken into account by the Imperial Government.

But sea-power can ensure the supply of the island, as was convincingly demonstrated a week or two since; and sea power, reinforced by the staunchness and courage of its loyal peoples, will preserve to them the free status that membership of the British Commonwealth of Nations confers.

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RESUME

Jane and Elizabeth Bennet meet Mr. Darcy and Charles Bingley, two rich London bachelors. Bingley and Jane fell in love at first sight; but Darcy's arrogant pride prejudices Elizabeth against him, despite the fact that they are warmly drawn to each other. Darcy finds Elizabeth's mother and her three other sisters, Mary, Lydia and Kitty, insufferably crude and vulgar. Believing he should not marry a girl of such family, he likewise convinces Bingley that Jane is too far beneath him socially, to marry. Jane is heart-broken. But Darcy cannot kill his love for Elizabeth. He proposes and she turns him down with contempt. She berates him further for his unforgivable rudeness to Mr. Wickham, an army officer whose father was once Darcy's steward. Then, Wickham prevails upon Lydia to run away without marrying her. Darcy then tells Elizabeth that Wickham had tried the same trick with his own sister, Georgiana. Elizabeth is distraught at having so misjudged Darcy, but his coolness forestalls her apology. Lydia and Wickham return suddenly. They are married and have plenty of money. Into the family reunion storms Lady Catherine de Brough, Darcy's arrogant and snobbish Aunt. She demands a private interview with Elisabeth.

Chapter Six

LOVE CONQUERS ALL

Lady de Brough stared fiercely at Elizabeth. "I repeat that a report has reached me of the most alarming nature, I was told that you Miss Elizabeth Bennet, were shortly to be engaged to my nephew, Mr. Darcy."

"Of course," continued Lady Catherine brusquely, "I knew this report couldn't possibly be true—"

"If it couldn't possibly be true," Elizabeth remarked blandly, "I wonder your Ladyship took the trouble of coming so far."

"I came to insist that the report be universally contradicted!"

"But won't your coming here seem rather to confirm it?" Elizabeth asked coolly.

"Insolent, headstrong girl!" Lady de Brough's voice rose to a shout. "Has my nephew made you an offer of marriage?"

"Your Ladyship has declared it to be impossible."

"Impossible? I have the power to make it impossible. Are you aware that, as the trustee of my sister's estate, I can strip Mr. Darcy of every shilling he has. And, if he were to marry against my wishes, I should have no hesitation in using my power?" She glared ominously at Elizabeth. "Now, what have you to say?"

"Nothing whatever," Elizabeth replied with unruffled calm. "I take no interest in matters that are none of my business. Your ladyship's financial transactions leave me wholly indifferent."

"Tell me once and for all," Lady Catherine demanded. "Are you engaged to him?"

Elizabeth's eyes clouded. "No," she answered slowly. "I am not."

"Ah!" Her ladyship relaxed. "And will you promise me never to enter into such an engagement?"

"No, Madame, I will not."

"Oh!" cried the other, "so you do expect him to propose to you?"

An unhappy sigh forced its way through Elizabeth's lips. "I have no right to expect anything, Madame," she said sadly, "excepting perhaps, never to see him again."

"What!" stormed Darcy's aunt. "Do you have the impudence to pretend that he isn't in love with you?"

Elizabeth lowered her head. "I can't imagine that he would be—not now."

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Had Elizabeth raised her eyes to Lady Catherine's face she would have been startled and shocked. Her Ladyship was regarding the girl before her with complete and affectionate approval. It was a momentary expression, over which she forced a look of bitter hostility, as she boomed: "Then why the thing he did for your sister—was that the act of a man who isn't in love?"

Elizabeth looked up in astonishment. "I—I don't know what you are talking about."

"Perhaps you don't," scoffed Lady Catherine. "But that rascal Wickham knows. Imagine my nephew, Darcy, scouring the courts and alleys of London to find him—setting him up with an income forcing him to marry that silly little flibbertygibbet."

Elizabeth jumped from her chair. "You mean—he did that?" she cried. "Oh, thank you for telling me, Lady Catherine. Thank you!"

"I will not be thanked," the other boomed. "Let us have no more of this mummery, Miss Bennet. I shall not leave this house until you have given me the assurance for which I ask."

Elizabeth shrugged, and a mischievously gay emile warmed her face. "In that case, I had better ring for the butler. He will either show you to your bedroom, or else, if you decide after all, not to stay, he will conduct you to your carriage —"

Lady de Brough rose and threw her a menacing glare. "I am going. But I shall take no leave of you, Miss Bennet. I send no compliments to your mother. You deserve no such attention. I am seriously displeased!"

Without another word, or another look, she swept out.

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She stalked imperiously down the path to her carriage, and poking her head in through its window, smiled broadly to the anxious young man sitting inside.

"A blank refusal, my dear nephew," she said, tersely.

"You mean she refused to see me?" Darcy cried.

"She refused NOT to see you, my boy."

"She did?" Darcy leaped from the coach in delight.

"And that's not the worst," beamed Lady Catherine. "Even after I told her I could strip you of your fortune if I chose to, she absolutely refused to refuse to marry you."

Darcy seized his aunt in a crushing embrace.

"And another thing," his Aunt continued. "I believe she's right for you. You were a spoiled child. We don't want to go on spoiling you. What you need is a woman who will stand up to you. Well—I think you've got her. I'll admit I was wrong about her—but I know better, now—"

She settled herself in her coach and ordered the coachman to drive off, as Darcy bounded up the path to the house.

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Elizabeth answered the doorbell.

"Oh," she cried, unable to find a word in her astonishment and happiness at seeing him.

"How do you do, Miss Elizabeth," he greeted. "I—that is—I have a message for Miss Jane from the Bingleys—"

"Jane's in the garden," Elizabeth faltered.

"Should we—should we see if we can find her?" he asked.

She nodded, and started for the garden, with Darcy at her heels.

"I have a confession to make," he said softly. "I didn't tell the exact truth, I'm afraid. I said I had a message from Charles Bingley—well —he didn't send me for the good reason that he had every intention of bringing it himself—"

Elizabeth swung around and started at him in pleased surprise. "Himself?" she questioned.

"He came back to Netherfield last night. I was expecting to see him here this afternoon—" he stopped; and glanced about. "Ah—" he exclaimed and gestured toward the far end of the garden.

Elizabeth caught her breath. Near the hedge stood Bingley with Jane clasped in his arms.

"Oh, Mr. Darcy!" Elizabeth said happily. "This is your doing."

He shook his head. "It's really Caroline Bingley's doing. She sent her brother back to Jane by dwelling on all the reasons why he should stay away. I only approved a decision he had already taken on his own account."

She smiled at him tenderly. "Mr. Darcy—there's something else. I really don't know how to put it into words—but—well—your Aunt told me what you did for Lydia—"

"What!" His surprise was so complete that he spilled his next words without thinking of their import. "But I never gave her leave to tell you that!"

"Gave her leave?" ejaculated Elizabeth. "Do you mean to say that Lady Catherine came because you sent her?"

"I wanted to know if I would be welcome," he explained humbly. "She came as my ambassador."

Elizabeth's laughter rippled through the garden. "Your ambassador! Well, I never imagined that hers was the language of diplomacy. If I had only known. I was so rude to her—"

"But that was what she liked," he cried. "People flatter her so much. She enjoy an occasional change. She went away delighted with you."

Elizabeth shook her head in bewilderment. "I simply don't know what to say or think any more. But you must allow me to thank you for your kindness to Lydia. And, I assure you, if the fact were known to the rest of my family, I should not have merely my own gratitude to express."

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"If you must thank me," he answered, his voice low and throbbing, "let it be for yourself alone. Whatever I did, I thought only of you."

"Oh, Mr. Darcy," she whispered, her eyes bright with tears, "when I thing of how I've misjudged you. The horrible things I said! Oh, I'm so ashamed."

"I'm ashamed, too," he answered soberly. "Ashamed of my arrogance, my stupid pride. Ashamed of everything, except one thing. I'm not ashamed of having loved you." He bent toward her. "Elizabeth, dare I ask you again?"

He raised her head and read her answer in her eyes.

"Elizabeth!" he cried rapturously. "Dear, beautiful Lizzy!"

At his calling her Lizzy, Miss Elizabeth Bennet laughed joyously and fell into his arms, sealing their love forever with a kiss.

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A pretty plot, you will agree. It is unravelled with an infinity of comic scenes. One which will leave you limp is where Loretta is forcibly concealed in Ray Milland's car while he is talking to his fiancee. This is in the best tradition of Hollywood craziness.

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Edmund Gwenn, in a small part, is everything Bernard Shaw thought of him, and gives a grand portrait of a bewildered father.

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

Two brilliant stars have been perfectly teamed in "Pride and Prejudice," which is now showing at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres. They are Greer Garson, of "Goodbye, Mr. Chips!" fame, and Laurence Olivier, who gave one of his greatest performances in "Wuthering Heights."

In the charming and amusing story of pride, prejudice and romance in early nineteenth-century England, adapted from Jane Austen's novel, Miss Garson is cast as Elizabeth Bennet, eldest of five unwedded daughters of a modest family. When Darcy, wealthy member of a proud and distinguished house, comes to live in the village, the Bennet cap is set for him.

At first he is inclined to look down on the uncouth and obvious Bennets, and he breaks up the romance of his best friend, Mr. Bingley, and Jane Bennet, because he does not think she is worthy of him. Later, he discovers that family tradition is not nearly so important as romance, when he himself falls in love with Elizabeth.

Mr. Bennet is played by Edmund Gwenn, and Mary Boland is seen again in a hilarious comedy role as the mother of the brood of five. Maureen O'Sullivan plays the gentle Jane Bennet. Ann Rutherford is Lydia, liveliest of the sisters. Marsha Hunt is Mary and Heather Angel is Kitty.

NEXT WEEK'S NEW FILMS

A CHRISTMAS CAROL (QUEEN'S)—Many will find this interesting, and although it is not so much a version of the Dickens story as an unintentional burlesque, it is seasonable cinema fare.



Reginald Owen is seen in the part of that king of all Christmas-haters, Scrooge, and from the moment he shambles into his office and snarls "Humbug" at the greetings of his beamingly cheerful nephew he holds attention.

Gene Lockhart plays Bob Cratchit—a more rotund Cratchit, probably, than Dickens had imagined when he wrote of Scrooge's bullied and browbeaten clerk, but one, nevertheless, that satisfies.

The film is done with immense gusto and good will, and, if Dickens is forgotten, it pleases well enough.

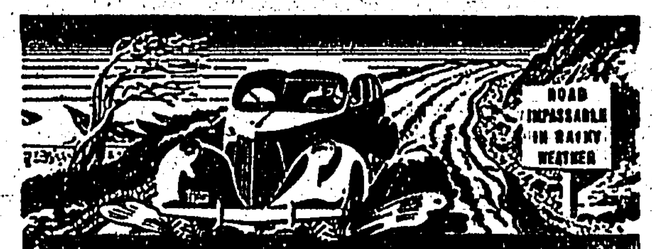
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Although this film is in essence the story of the rise and fall of a gangster, it takes itself seriously as a social document. What might have been just another film of racketeers, however, is given interest by a factual commentary and pretty good acting. The cast is headed by James Cagney, Humphrey Bogart, Priscilla Lane and Gladys George.

DR. CYCLOPS (QUEEN'S)—This fantastic story was obviously written largely to exploit the skill of the trick cameraman, and it may be said entirely to succeed from this angle.

A scientist, Dr. Thorkel (Albert Dekker) discovers a method of reducing human beings to about a tenth of their size, and the camera records with ingenuity and in colour the success of his experiments.

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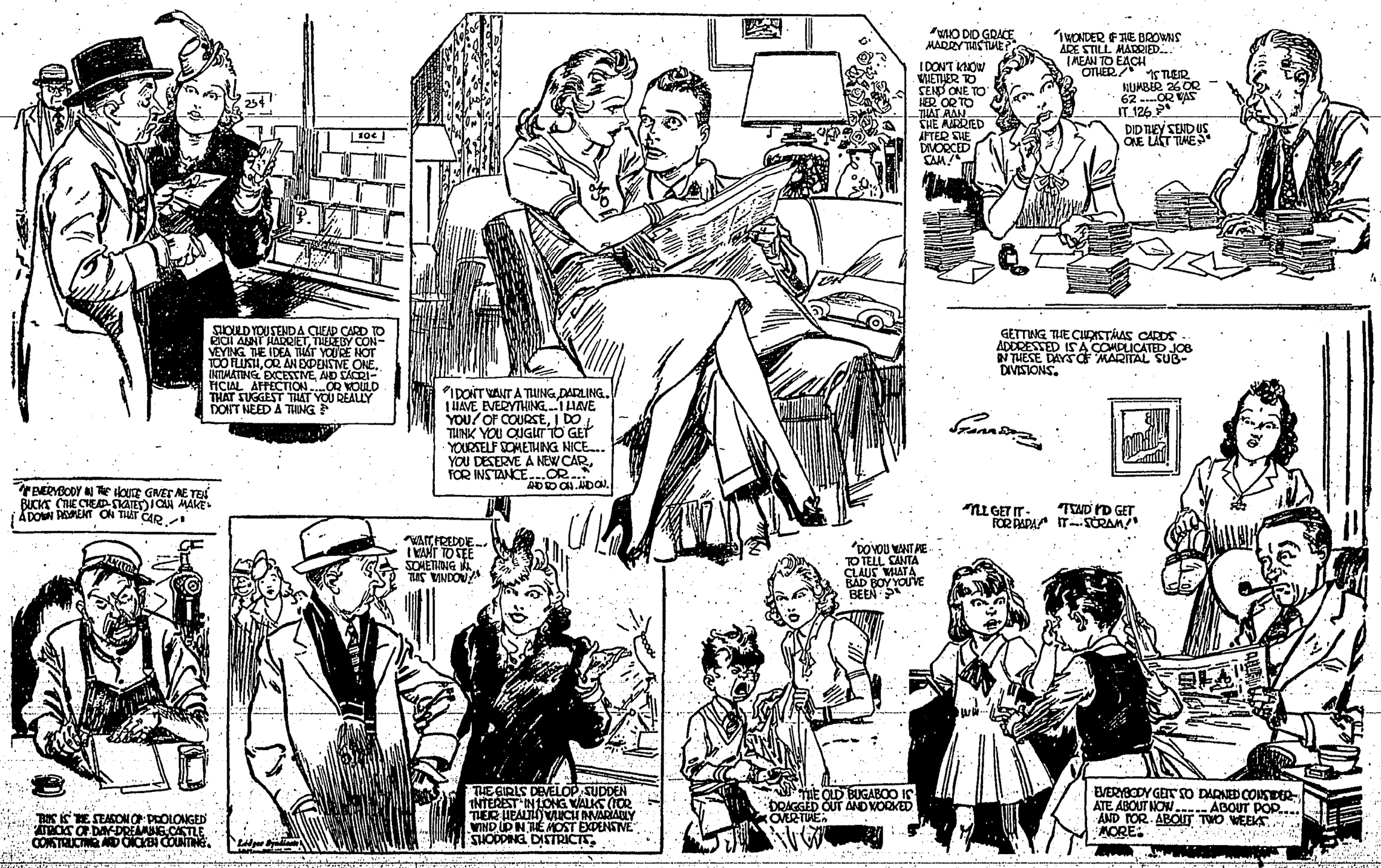
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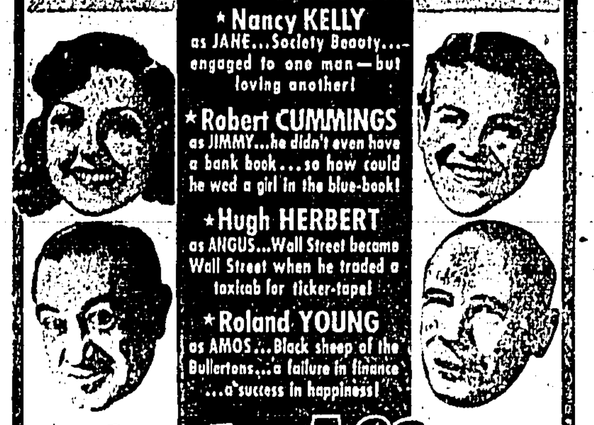
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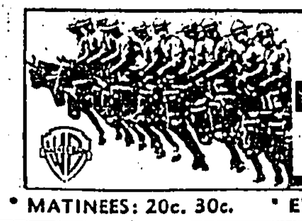
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(the sime ter yu wiv vineger on)
dreems! dreems! ov luvly fick seems
(its orlways in seeson and ripe)
ime orl ov a divver wen i see a qiverin
wackin grate pliteful ov tripe

cor stuff me full ov pickel unyuns jest imajin it a luvly feed ov lushus tripe marsel waved orl ot and steemin and a nise pint ov nurishin stout

torkin abart marsel waves corblime i ad a pritty ruff nite in the littel ole marsel caffy there woe a bloke wot ad a kilt on and smellin like a kemists shop and oje alf thort a wos wun ov the middel-secks rejment

and torkin abart the middel-secks rejment wot abart the littel ole rorl scots band consert up the littel ole kee larst saidy nite . . . corlovaduck wot a nite yu orter seen captin sessil chuckin is munny abart like a blinkin scotchman wiv no blinkin arms and me and ole alf wos verry bissy drinkin uvver peeples beers but i mus say the littel ole captin knows ow ter git munny fer the littel ole bommer fun

wich remines me ime a bit wurreed abart ole alf becos e got a bit ecksited and swallered is blinkin chinge insted ov his blinkin beer wich makes us abart firty sents short this week (so far)—corlumme wot a blow i fink ile take ole alf darn the war tacksnyshun orfis becos ive erd they gits munny outer enybuddy

annuvver bit ov sad noos cor stone me sideways i sees in the pipers as ow argyro castro as fallen—i mus say ime very sprised becos she wos a nise olesome sorter gal

well well (two oles in the grarnd) —its a long wurm wot aint got no turnin as the saying goes

(reahly ol boy—fwightful lot of twipe this chappey higgs wites in the balley paypah what—)

corlovaduck!

Used False Name To Join A.F.S.

Because he had just come out of prison and could not get work in his own name, John Austin Shorter, aged 35, of Chorlton-on-Medlock, Manchester, borrowed another man's identity card.

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The Men Who Chattered Themselves To Death

By Sidney Horler

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THE DIMINUTIVE WARDEN, now looking something like a ruffled turkey-cock, at last found his voice.

"Am I mad? Are you mad? Or is the whole blinkin' world mad? That's what I want ter know?" he demanded.

Still shaking with the tremendous relief he felt, Tiger took him by the shoulder.

"You and I are all right, old man," he replied, "but I can't say anything about the rest of the world. Still, if it's any satisfaction to you to know it, your coming in just now saved my life—and possibly your own."

"Oh! Like that, was it?" Apart from his gaping expression, the Air Raid Warden might merely have received nothing more surprising than a telegram from a pre-war football pool informing him that he had won a prize of small denomination.

"You're a stout fellow, Warden," replied Standish. "And if you're ever in London, you might look me up. My name is Standish—S-t-a-n-d-i-s-h—and I live at 101 Chapel Street, Mayfair." He caught the other's hand and gave it a hearty grip.

"Good-bye, old son, I must be popping—" and leaving the empty garage, which had so closely threatened to be the scene of his doom, he walked out into the night. His one idea was to find a person who could put him on the road to London. He did not know how distant this was, but he presumed that his captors had brought him several miles away from Rutland Gate.

He found himself in what looked like a country lane. He had two choices—to turn either left or right, and he decided on the latter. The lane widened as he walked up it, and now, in the near distance, he could see a road crossing it. In that instant he saw something else; a heavy touring car drawn up beneath some trees on the left-hand side of the lane. Here was a bit of luck! Perhaps he could get a lift. As he crossed towards the car; he could hear the engine gently ticking over.

Suddenly he ducked, and then, maintaining his crouching position, he crept up to the car, quietly opened the rear door and got inside. The two men in front, one wearing R.A.F. uniform, and the other in khaki, were so closely engaged in conversation that they appeared unaware of what was happening. But not for long. Reaching over, Standish caught the neck of each and banged their heads together with such terrific force that both were mentally stunned. When they turned startled faces towards him, two smashing blows, coming so quickly on each other that they were practically simultaneous, completed the job. The sight was offensive, so, picking up a rug which he found in the back of the car, he flung it over them.

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WITH THE COUNTRY POLICE-SERGEANT STANDING BY, a stupefied expression on his bucolic face, Tiger addressed the two latest arrivals at the Ashtead-Barton police station. The accommodation available was not large, but the place looked efficient.

"This will have to do for you to-night," he said, "to-morrow we'll find better accommodation. Of course, you'll end up at the Tower—you've heard about the Tower, I suppose? It's where we shoot vermin like you in wartime. But as I'm already late for supper, I will leave you with two reflections. The first one is that you can overdo efficiency. You Germans have had many lessons on that score, and before this war is over you're going to have many more. Efficiency up to a point is excellent, but if you overdo it, you're putting too big a strain on the engine. What you two should have done to-night was to have cleared off immediately you had set off the time-fuse. That would have contented the ordinary person, but no, you just had to wait to see the result. And in waiting—well, you're here instead of being in London plotting some further dirty work. The second reflection is that you really should have taken to heart all the posters the Ministry of Information has put up in London. You've seen them, no doubt, 'Careless talk may cost lives!' Well, you've certainly talked carelessly to-night, and I'm willing to bet you a hundred pounds against all Goering's medals that—but I'll leave you to think out the rest. Good-night and unpleasant dreams!"

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